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SECTION 8  
SERIALS 180-224

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : *SM/M* SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

DATE: 7/30/71

Re NY report of SA STEPHEN M. CARBONE, dated 3/30/71 and LA letter to the Bureau, dated 5/20/71.

The captioned investigation has remained in a pending status at NY awaiting receipt of information from the LA Office. On 5/20/71, the LA Office advised that [ ] was contacted and stated he had no personal knowledge of CP USA membership on the part of subject. [ ] further advised that he recalls the subject was cited by the former House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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In light of the above information furnished by the LA Office and since all investigation has been completed at NY, this investigation is being placed in a closed status. It will be reopened at an appropriate time for submission of an annual report.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/21/71

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, MADRID

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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(OO: NY)  
(Bufile: 100-200845)  
(NYfile: 100-83801)  
(MADfile: 105-335)(RUC)

MIKA SEEGER  
SM - C  
(Bufile: 105-183924)  
(NYfile: 105-97713)  
(MADfile: 105-336)(RUC)

EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)  
(Bufile: 105-211193)  
(NYfile: 105-  
(MADfile: 105-337)(RUC)

Reference Madrid letter to Bureau, 3/10/71.

No additional information has been received from any of our Spanish sources regarding the above-captioned subjects subsequent to the data set out in referenced letter.

In the event any additional pertinent data is received in the future, Bureau, New York, and San Juan will be advised.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/20/71

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-34620)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
OO: New York

Re New York report of SA STEPHEN M. CARBONE,  
dated 3/30/71.

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On 4/22/71, [ ] was contacted by SA KELLY P. HEMMERT and queried about his statement concerning the subject's Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) membership as of August 1970. The source advised that he has no personal knowledge of CPUSA membership on the part of the subject, but recalls on several occasions reading articles in which SEEGER was identified as a member of the CPUSA. The source also stated that he recalls that SEEGER was cited by the former House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It is noted that [ ] refers to a member of the CPUSA, Progressive Labor Party and Socialist Workers Party, as well as known sympathizers, as communists.

On 5/4/71, [ ] furnished the following two references as examples of articles where SEEGER was mentioned as a CPUSA member::

1. 5/4/59, issue of the "Daily Worker";
2. Page 31-32, 1962 book mailer edition of "Communism and Your Child" by HERBERT ROMMERSTEIN, an alleged CPUSA member. *Of the Communist Party* NO LOC.

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To: ☒ FBI Headquarters  
☐ FBI Field Division, \_\_\_\_\_

From: Civil Service Commission, Wash DC

Regarding FBI ☒ report ☐ memorandum dated (month, day, year)  
March 30, 1971 at (city, state) New York, New York  
concerning (title - not necessary if file number is shown) \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE OF CASE <b>PETER SEEGER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>STEPHEN M. CARBONE</b>	TYPED BY <b>amw</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	

REFERENCES:

New York report of SA LYNN E. MC CREDY, 5/31/68.  
 Los Angeles memo of SA KELLY P. HEMMERT, 8/24/70,  
 captioned "First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, IS - C,  
 LAfile 100-33975".

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BY: <i>WRJ/dh</i>

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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted that there is no Bureau approved characterization for each of the following:

- ✓ Soledad Brothers Defense Committee
- ✓ Angela Davis
- ✓ Freedom and Peace Party
- ✓ The Fort Hood Three Defense Committee
- ✓ Summer of Support
- ✓ The Oleo Strut, Inc.
- ✓ The Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee
- ✓ United Farm Workers
- ✓ Victor Grossman
- ✓ NY Coffee House Project
- ✓ Catholic Peace Fellowship
- ✓ Dr. Ricardo Alarcon Quesada
- ✓ Earth Day
- ✓ Appleseed Project

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Characterized Art Shields

Characterized JOE NORTH

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Characterized VICTOR GROSSMAN

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Characterized Fort Hood Three  
Defense Committee

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Characterized Summer of  
Support

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Characterized FAVPPC

The agents who observed SEEGER on 5/22/69 are identified as follows: EDWIN B. JONES, ALFRED GARY GUNN, and KEITH M. HUNTER.

The agents who observed SEEGER on 4/4/70 are identified as follows: JAMES T. BURNETT, JOHN W. ROBINSON, JOHN DOWNEY, MICHAEL O'MALLEY, GREGORY G. ZAWISLAK.

The confidential sources referred to in the Miscellaneous section of this report are identified as follows:

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. It is noted that in referenced LA memo, dated 8/24/70, [ ] attended a Rally of the Soledad Brothers Defense at the 1st Unitarian Church on 7/24/70. On 8/6/70, per above mentioned memo, [ ] advised that PETER SEEGER is a member of the Communist Party. Inasmuch as NY has no information since

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LEAD (cont'd)

1954 indicating SEEGER maintains membership in the CP, LA is requested to furnish NY with any details or further information concerning SEEGER's possible membership in the CP, thereby clarifying this statement made by source.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ☒ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index ☐ Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ☒ Security Index Card ☐ Agitator Index Card are current.
3. ☐ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card ☐ A ☐ B ☐ are current ☐ have been changed.
4. ☐ Changes on the ☐ Security Index Card ☐ Agitator Index Card are necessary and ☐ Form FD-122 ☐ FD-397 submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken March 1967
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified "Secret" because  
(state reason) it contains information from NY T-25   
which is so classified.

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8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) none.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and any attempt to interview him could possibly embarrass the Bureau.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the ☐ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
10. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ☒ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of his association with CP affiliated groups as late as 1970.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card is tabbed ☐ Priority I ☐ Priority II ☒ Priority III.
- ☒ Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons) of his association with CP affiliated groups as late as 1970.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~SECRET~~

Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: STEPHEN M. CARBONE Office: New York, New York  
Date: MAR 30 1971  
Field Office File #: 100-83801 Bureau File #: 100-200845  
Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: SEEGER resides at Box 431, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. From 2/23/68 to 1/19/71, SEEGER has entertained at, participated in, or attended CP and/or CP affiliated functions. Information concerning his travel abroad is set forth. As of February 1971, confidential sources of NYO were unable to provide any further information regarding SEEGER's current activities.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

SEEGER resides at Box 431, Dutchess County, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer.

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Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification.~~

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January 28, 1971

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On February 19, 1971, HUGH BRENNAN, Identification Officer, Dutchess County, Sheriff's Office, Poughkeepsie, New York, advised files of his department contain no information regarding SEEGER.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

On February 23, 1968, SEEGER attended the W.E.B. Du Bois Centennial celebration sponsored by "Freedomways" at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York.

NY T-2  
March 1, 1968

Characterizations of W.E.B. Du Bois Club and "Freedomways" are set forth in Appendix attached hereto.

On July 24, 1970 at a meeting of the Soledad Brothers Defense at Los Angeles, California, SEEGER was mentioned as a member of the Communist Party and his upcoming concert at Lindy's Opera House, Los Angeles, California, was referred to at this meeting.

NY T-3  
August 6, 1970

The Soledad Brothers Defense Committee is an organization initiated by ANGELA DAVIS to support three Negro males indicted for killing a guard at Soledad Prison in California. Its office is at 326 W. 3rd St., Suite 318, Los Angeles, California. ("Black Panther" Party newspaper dated July 11, 1970).

A characterization of Black Panther Party is attached.

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ANGELA DAVIS is a former assistant professor at the University of California at Los Angeles and is a self-admitted member of CP.

### III. CP SYMPATHY

#### A. Miscellaneous Organizations

On April 5, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a Casa de las Americas meeting at New York, New York.

NY T-4  
April 8, 1968

A characterization of Casa de las Americas is set forth in Appendix attached hereto.

On June 19, 1968, SEEGER entertained at the annual memorial for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG at New York, New York.

NY T-5  
June 28, 1968

NY T-6  
June 20, 1968

NY T-7  
July 2, 1968

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York (SDNY) on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953.

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On October 3, 1968, SEEGER was listed as a new subscriber for People's World.

NY T-8  
October 3, 1968

The People's World is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

On November 1, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a rally sponsored by the Freedom and Peace Party.

NY T-9  
November 2, 1968

The Freedom and Peace Party is a political party formed to nominate "peace" candidates for national and local positions.

On November 2, 1968 SEEGER entertained at a mass rally sponsored by the Freedom and Peace Party at Town Hall, New York, New York.

NY T-9  
November 18, 1968

On December 5, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a function sponsored by the Guardian.

NY T-10  
December 6, 1968

A characterization of the Guardian is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On November 11, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a tribute to the Fort Hood Three at Hunter College, New York, New York.

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NY T-11  
November 14, 1968

NY T-12  
November 12, 1968

NY T-13  
November 18, 1968

The Fort Hood Three Defense Committee is an organization based in New York, New York and organized:

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- "1. To provide funds for the legal defense of PFC James Johnson, Pvt. Dennis Mora and Pvt. David Samas, three members of the United States Army who have refused to serve in Vietnam because of their belief that the war there is illegal, immoral and unjust.
  - "2. To publicize and gain support for these three G.I.'s, not only among the public at large, but also servicemen and those facing the military service. To publicize the reasons for the three G.I.'s stand and keep the public informed on developments in the case.
  - "3. It is the position of the committee that citizens generally and servicemen as citizens are free to exercise their rights of freedom of thought, conscience and expression. The committee will defend these rights."

NY T-33  
August 30, 1966

On December 1, 1968, SEEGER attended the 80th birthday party of ARTASHIELDS at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York, New York.

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NY T-13  
December 4, 1968

NY T-14  
December 9, 1968

As of December 4, 1968, ART SHIELDS was a CP member and a communist writer.

NY T-13  
December 4, 1968

Guardian On December 5, 1968, SEEGER entertained at a Benefit at New York, New York.

NY T-10  
December 6, 1968  
On May 22, 1969, representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed SEEGER entertain at a rally entitled Summer of Support, sponsored by the Oleo Strut, Incorporated, at Killeen, Texas.

"The Summer of Support" is an unincorporated organization, under the sponsorship of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), based at 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its aim is to establish "coffee houses" throughout the United States near military installations for the purpose of providing alternatives to military environment and to provide legal counselling to military personnel.

NY T-34  
May 10, 1968

The characterization of NMC is incorporated in the characterization of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC) which is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

The Oleo Strut, Incorporated is a coffee house for military personnel located at Killeen, Texas.

On May 18, 1969, SEEGER entertained at a concert



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held at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles, California, sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee for Defense of the Bill of Rights (LACDBR) and other groups.

NY T-15  
June 3, 1969

A characterization of the LACDBR is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On June 26, 1969 at a meeting of the Southern Californians to Abolish House Committee for Unamerican Activities (SCAHUAC), at Los Angeles, California, it was announced that this organization received \$1100 from the proceeds of the PETER SEEGER concert held in Los Angeles on May 18, 1969.

NY T-16  
July 10, 1969

The SCAHUAC is the Los Angeles branch of the National Committee to Abolish House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A characterization of the NCAHUAC is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On October 24, 1969, SEEGER attended the 65th Birthday Party of JOE NORTH at New York, New York.

NY T-17  
October 27, 1969

NY T-18  
November 4, 1969

JOE NORTH is a member of the CP and a communist writer and worker.

NY T-19  
May 6, 1969

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On April 15, 1970, SEEGER spoke at an Anti-war demonstration at New York, New York, sponsored by the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee (FAVPPC).

NY T-20  
April 23, 1970

The FAVPPC is an umbrella "peace type organization" which is based in New York, New York, and opposes the American position in Vietnam.

NY T-35  
January, 1970

On April 15, 1970, SEEGER attended a peace rally at Columbia University, New York, New York, sponsored by the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. (SMC).

NY T-10  
May 1, 1970

A characterization of SMC is set forth in Appendix attached hereto.

As of June 26, 1970, SEEGER was a subscriber to the Daily World.

NY T-21  
June 26, 1970

The Daily World is an east coast communist newspaper.

On December 10, 1970, at a meeting of the National Committee to Free Angela Davis (NCFAD) at Los Angeles, California, SEEGER's name was referred to as a supporter of ANGELA DAVIS.

NY T-22  
January 19, 1971

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A characterization of NCFAD is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

On December 24, 1969 SEEGER's subscription to the People's World has expired and was not renewed.

NY T-8  
December 24, 1969

B. The Daily World

The October 31, 1970 issue of the Daily World indicated that the New York Committee to Free Angela Davis announced its first group of sponsors. PETER SEEGER was listed as a sponsor.

The New York Committee to Free Angela Davis is the New York branch of the NCFAD. A characterization of the NCFAD is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

The November 26, 1969 issue of the Daily World indicated SEEGER was a sponsor for the GI Coffee Houses, New York GI Coffee House Project, 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York.

The New York GI Coffee House Project is self-described as a center for open discussion of political issues, information, counselling and legal aid, as well as entertainment and broad programs of other activities.

The coffee house is generally designed to attract military personnel.

The November 14, 1969 and the November 18, 1969 issues of the Daily World indicated SEEGER participated in a peace march at Washington, D.C. on October 15, 1969.

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The November 15, 1969 issue of the Daily World indicated SEEGER participated at a peace rally at the New York Theatre Guild, New York, New York, on November 13, 1969.

The March 28, 1970 issue of the Daily World published a copy of a song entitled, "Me Gustan Los Estudiantes", translated from Spanish to mean, "I Love The Students". This song was written by VIOLETA PARRA, a Chilean song writer who died in 1967. SEEGER sent this song to the Daily World for publication therein.

The April 18, 1970 issue of the Daily World published an extensive article written by SEEGER dealing with the pollution problem in the United States.

The April 21, 1970 issue of the Daily World indicated that SEEGER was named the Honorary Chairman of Earth Day, at New York.

Earth Day was a national function held in many cities throughout the United States, participating in various degrees, on April 24, 1970, to instill in United States citizens an awareness of the problems of pollution and over-population.

The May 1, 1970 issue of the Daily World published a letter to the editor in column entitled "Our Readers Say..." This letter mentioned SEEGER's participation in Earth Day activities.

#### IV. TRAVEL ABROAD

On February 4, 1970, NY T-23, a confidential source abroad, advised that SEEGER arrived in England from New York, New York, on November 16, 1969 and departed on November 30, 1969.

SEEGER was observed in Beacon, New York during January 1970.

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NY T-1  
January 28, 1970

On January 21, 1971, NY T-25, [REDACTED]

NY T-25  
February 3, 1971

The January 25, 1971 issue of Granma, a Cuban newspaper, carried an article captioned "'I Have Come to Cuba to Learn' says American folk singer Peter Seeger", in which SEEGER stated he was happy to be in Cuba, where he "had come to learn and help the Revolution in any way possible".

NY T-26  
February 11, 1971

Granma is a self-described organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba.

On February 8, 1971, NY T-24, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that on February 4, 1971, according to a Havana, Cuba, domestic service broadcast, SEEGER met with several officials of Cuba and ambassadors to Cuba. Another domestic service broadcast announced that SEEGER had departed Cuba on February 4, 1971 for Europe after his visit to Cuba which began January 23, 1971.

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On February 3, 1971, NY T-25, [REDACTED]

V. MISCELLANEOUS

On November 13, 1969, SEEGER attended a rally at New York, New York, for peace in Vietnam.

NY T-27  
December 2, 1969

On November 15, 1969, SEEGER participated and entertained in a march at Washington, D.C. for peace in Vietnam.

NY T-28  
November 21, 1969

On December 13, 1969 SEEGER gave a concert at Miami Beach, Florida for the benefit of the United Farm Workers and its Miami Grape Boycott.

NY T-29  
December 19, 1969

The United Farm Workers is a union of farmers and farm laborers based in California attempting to organize farmers throughout the United States. Its initial action as an organization was a nation-wide grape boycott.

On January 30, 1970, NY T-30, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SEEGER wrote a letter to VICTOR GROSSMAN in East Berlin, Germany, postmarked January 12, 1970, requesting him to participate in anti-pollution campaigns.

VICTOR GROSSMAN is a well-known alias for STEPHEN WECHSLER. He deserted from the United States Army in West Germany in 1952 and has been active as an East German propagandist.

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On April 4, 1970, representatives of the FBI observed SEEGER entertain at an anti-pollution rally in Central Park, New York, New York.

On December 26, 1969, SEEGER attended a benefit to support "GI coffee houses" at New York, New York.

NY T-10  
January 16, 1970.

On August 12, 1970, SEEGER entertained at a Catholic Peace Fellowship Rally and at Foley Square, New York, New York.

NY T-31  
August 18, 1970

The Catholic Peace Fellowship (CPF) has its national office at 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York. Its staff are also the key elements of the Appleseed Project, which has members from every Pacifist group in New York, New York. It is an active group involved in organizing civil disobedience actions in New York, New York. (Catholic Peace Fellowship Brochure dated July, 1968)

The Appleseed Project has publicly declared itself as a clearing house for peace activities in New York, New York and its aim is to unite Pacifist organizations.

Two telephone calls came to the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, New York, New York, on behalf of PETER SEEGER, requesting an appointment with Dr. RICARDO ALARCON QUESADA.

NY T-32  
February 18, 1971

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Dr. RICARDO ALARCON QUESADA is the Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations.

On June 30, 1969, FRANK DECKER, Attorney, Taconic State Park Commission, advised that he received information that SEEGER donated \$1000 to the Students For A Democratic Society (SDS).

A characterization of SDS is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

Other confidential sources who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York area were contacted during February 1971 and were unable to provide any information on the current activities of SEEGER.



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APPENDIX

**BLACK PANTHER PARTY**  
**Also Known As**  
**Black Panther Party for Self-Defense**

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (cont'd)

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is... by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the United States of America.

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CASA DE LAS AMERICAS

On May 14, 1970, a source advised that the Casa de las Americas (CDLA), an organization composed of pro-FIDEL CASTRO and pro-Communist individuals, formed in April, 1964, has its headquarters on the fourth floor, 876 Broadway, New York City.

The source advised that CDLA is ostensibly formed as a social club, but in effect it acts as a focal point for revolutionary peoples sympathetic to the Cuban government. Although it is not directly controlled by the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN), many Cuban personnel attend its functions and at least an indirect link with CMUN is present. CDLA has fund-raising affairs and contributes money to the CMUN. CDLA also gives financial support to other revolutionary groups representing countries other than Cuba. Through CMUN, various propaganda materials of a Communist nature are found at CDLA.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that a Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated (FAI), was filed on March 2, 1961.

A source advised on May 24, 1961, that during a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) held on May 24, 1961, it was stated that "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

A second source advised in May, 1970, that "Freedomways," the official publication of FAI, was set up by the CP, USA, in 1961 and that ESTHER JACKSON is the current Managing Editor of "Freedomways," which is located at 799 Broadway, New York, New York. ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON who is a member of the National Committee and Political Committee of the CP, USA.

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THE "GUARDIAN" FORMERLY KNOWN AS  
"NATIONAL GUARDIAN" WEEKLY GUARDIAN  
ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian:"

- "1. ...'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly... it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'"

Beginning with the February 10, 1968, issue, the "National Guardian" became the "Guardian."

The May 9, 1970 issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly."

The December, 1968 issue of the "New York Times" carried an interview with the editors of the "Guardian." One of the editors stated: "Our job is to build a radical movement. To quote the Cuban Revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it...we are movement people acting as journalists."

"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

A source advised in May, 1970 that the "Guardian" is located at 32 West 22nd Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the American Labor Party is attached separately.

APPENDIX

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS,  
formerly known as Los Angeles Committee For Protection  
of Foreign Born (LACDBR)

A source advised in May, 1968, that the LACDBR has expanded its former scope of interest relating to the foreign born, and has become a militant general defense organization allegedly seeking to safeguard the rights of all individuals, including the foreign born, as well as those seeking to avoid military service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The LACDBR is a non-membership organization which is represented by an Administrative Board of about 125 Individuals from loosely organized area committees interested in the work of the LACDBR. These board members are invited by ROSE CHERNIN, Executive Director of the LACDBR, who is the guiding, dominant, and motivating force behind the LACDBR. Its headquarters are maintained at 326 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

Another source advised in May, 1968, that ROSE CHERNIN is currently Organizational Secretary of the Moranda Smith Section of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH  
HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE/  
HOUSE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMITTEE  
Formerly Known As  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH  
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC):

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960, to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as communists.

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, page 5)."

A source advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A national meeting of this organization was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 27 - 28, 1963.

A second source on May 27, 1969, made available a letter from the NCAHUAC, dated April 1, 1969, which stated that at a national meeting held in Washington, D.C. during March 22 - 24, 1969, the name of the organization was changed to the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee/House Internal Security Committee (NCAHUAC/HISC).

This source advised on May 7, 1970, that as of that date the NCAHUAC/HISC continued to function with headquarters at 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FREE ANGELA DAVIS,  
Also Known As  
United Committee to Free Angela Davis

A source advised in October 1970, that the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), had decided to help ANGELA DAVIS, self-admitted member of the Communist Party (CP) in Los Angeles, California, incarcerated in New York City and soon to be extradited to California to answer murder-kidnapping charges. This source stated that DOROTHY HEALEY, former Chairman, Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP), would devote her full time and head the committee in California and be assisted by LOU DISKIN, Chairman, SCDCP.

DAVIS was subsequently extradited from New York City and transported to California on December 22, 1970.

The "Daily Worker," East Coast communist weekly newspaper, issue of October 16, 1970, page three, contains an article which states that GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CPUSA, had stated that the CPUSA would involve itself in freeing ANGELA DAVIS and that Angela Davis Defense Committees would be started in such cities as Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois; and other cities. He stated that there will be a national committee to take charge of the defense of DAVIS, and the CP will be part of it.

Sources two, three, and four advised in October and November 1970, that a meeting of the United Committee to Free Angela Davis was held at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California. LOU DISKIN, Chairman, SCDCP, spoke and stated that the CP would do everything to build support for ANGELA DAVIS. CHARLENE MITCHELL, member, National Committee, CPUSA, and unsuccessful candidate for President of the United States on the CP ticket, spoke at this meeting and stated that the CP must make every effort to free ANGELA DAVIS. BEN DOBBS, Executive Secretary, SCDCP, spoke and stated that the CP must be the focusing point of the movement to free ANGELA DAVIS.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FREE ANGELA DAVIS,  
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United Committee to Free Angela Davis

Source five advised on December 3, 1970, that the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis is located at Suite 104, 3450 West 43rd Street, Los Angeles, California. Source advised that the committee in the Los Angeles area was formed for the purpose of seeking funds for DAVIS in this area but that separate and distinct committees would be set up throughout the United States.

An article in "The Washington Post," on January 5, 1971, indicated a spokesman for the National Committee to Free Angela Davis in Los Angeles had recently stated 47 "Free Angela" committees have been organized so far in the United States.

APPENDIX

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A source advised that the Revolutionary Youth Movement II (RYMII) faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held a national conference at Atlanta, Georgia, from November 26 to 30, 1969. At this conference it was decided to form a new organization to be known as Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM), characterized as a mass anti-imperialist youth organization, said organization being proposed as separate and distinct in form and content from SDS. The "Principles of Unity" adopted by the conference included a struggle against white supremacy and male supremacy; fights against imperialism, anticommunism, fascism and oppression of youth; and support of the right of self-determination of all "oppressed nations," also support of the right of all "oppressed and exploited" peoples "to armed self-defense." It was agreed that RYM would not be a Marxist-Leninist organization; however, source said this was decided in order to indicate an organization broad enough in form to be acceptable to everyone. A temporary National Steering Committee (NSC) made up of eight females and two males was elected to govern RYM until national officers could be elected during the Spring of 1970.

RYM publications have listed the RYM National Office (NO) at Post Office Box 5421 and Post Office Box 77012 C, both Atlanta, Georgia, and a second source has advised that the NO has no office space but would probably be considered as located at Apartment 27, 1067 Alta Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

Second source advised that women dominated the founding conference and have continued to dominate NSC meetings to the point that "women's liberation" has apparently become the RYM's principal issue - also that RYM's poor financial condition has resulted in its failure to publish a paper. During early 1970, RYM has decided to cater to the working class rather than youth, since the potential for social revolution lies in workers.

A third source has stated that it was decided at the March, 1970, NSC meeting that RYM women had decided the organization will be molded into a "working class, Marxist-Leninist, revolutionary, anti-imperialist, problack nationalist, people's women's liberation organization."

A characterization of the SDS is set out separately.

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STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE,  
Also Known As Student Mobilization  
Committee to End the War in Vietnam;  
National Student Mobilization Committee

A source advised on May 16, 1969, that the Student Mobilization Committee originally grew out of the National Student Strike for Peace conference held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 28 - 29, 1966, which resulted in a call for massive anti-war demonstrations in New York City, New York, and San Francisco, California, on April 15, 1967. The National Student Strike for Peace was originally called by the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), culminating in a takeover by the SWP element in the Summer of 1968 and the Communist Party element withdrawing. Source further advised the Student Mobilization Committee locally and nationally is controlled by the SWP and its youth arm, the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), as evidenced by the YSA leadership and participation in Student Mobilization Committee activities.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

A report by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Ninetieth Congress, First Session, dated March 31, 1967, entitled "Communist Origin and Manipulation of Vietnam Week (April 8 - 15, 1967)" on page 53 states in part, "Communists are playing dominant roles in both the Student Mobilization Committee and the Spring Mobilization Committee."

A second source on January 26, 1970, made available a copy of "The Student Mobilizer" dated January 21, 1970, which was self-described as being published by the National Office of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, 1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. In this issue the program of the Student Mobilization Committee was set forth as follows: immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam, an end to the draft, end all forms of campus complicity with the war in Vietnam, self determination for Vietnam and Black America and constitutional rights for GIs and high school students.

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STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE,  
Also Known As Student Mobilization  
Committee to End the War in Vietnam;  
National Student Mobilization Committee (cont'd)

This source advised that the Student Mobilization  
Committee occupies Suite 907 at 1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20005, as of February 27, 1970.

A characterization of the YSA  
appears separately.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Students for a Democratic Society, commonly known as SDS, came into existence at a founding convention held during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," Marxist-Leninist ideology of various shadings became predominant during 1968-1969 with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. SDS moved from involvement in the civil rights struggle to an anti-Vietnam war position to advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist line linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America with the black liberation movement in the United States. All major factions within SDS embrace Marxism-Lenism and identify internationally with China, Cuba and North Vietnam as countries leading the worldwide struggles against the United States. However, the Soviet Union was regarded as imperialist and with the Communist Party, United States of America, "revisionist" in nature.

SDS operated under a national constitution which called for an annual National Convention (NC) and quarterly National Council meetings wherein programs were initiated and debated. Three national officers were elected annually with a National Interim Committee to run the organization. Regional offices and college chapters elected delegates to the national meetings but each functioned independently on local matters. Its official publication "Fire" (formerly "New Left Notes") last appeared in December, 1969.

Internal factionalism of serious proportions developed during 1968 - 1969 and the following three factions evolved as a result of a split at the June, 1969, NC: Weatherman, Worker Student Alliance (WSA), and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). The effect of the split on SDS chapters throughout the country was divisive. Some aligned with one or the other of the three major factions. Others, unable to identify with any faction, disassociated with SDS completely and changed names.

The SDS national office in recent years was located at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was closed in February, 1970.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

The Weatherman and RYM groups no longer consider themselves associated with SDS, and the WSA group refers to itself as the true SDS.

Characterizations of Weatherman, WSA  
and RYM are set out separately.

WEATHERMAN

Initially called the "Action Faction," Weatherman came into being immediately before the June, 1969, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) National Convention (NC). At this NC Weatherman won all three national officer positions and a majority of the National Interim Committee as well. Subsequently, they took over the SDS National Office (NO) in Chicago, and controlled its funds, paper and national records. Although internal struggle existed until late 1969, Weatherman for all major purposes controlled SDS nationally from June, 1969, until its NO closed in February, 1970. At this time it no longer considered itself part of SDS.

The term Weatherman emerged from an ideological paper prepared by its leaders entitled "You Don't Need a Weatherman to Know Which Way the Wind Blows" ("New Left Notes" June 18, 1969). This statement outlined the basic stance of Weatherman: Marxist-Leninist in content but with strong advocacy that action not theory would bring about revolution in the United States. This posture was complemented with an international identification to the Cuban revolution and CASTRO's statement that the duty of a revolutionary is to make revolution.

During October, 1969, Weatherman riots in Chicago resulted in more than 260 arrests for mob action and related charges. A program of armed struggle was finalized during a December, 1969, "War Council" wherein terrorist tactics and political assassination were contemplated. The basic strength of Weatherman was then revealed to be some 300 - 350 nationally and geographically apportioned to the Midwest, New York, and some Northwest.

As its rhetoric of violence escalated, Weatherman leaders increasingly discussed the necessity of an underground operation wherein more than 90 percent of the organization would be submerged; "affinity groups" of three - five members would function independently. In February, 1970, Weatherman leaders announced a program of "strategic sabotage" with police and military installations as primary targets.

In February, 1970, Weatherman abandoned the SDS NO, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and throughout the country entered an underground status.

A characterization of the SDS is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

On May 1, 1970, a source advised the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was formed in June, 1964, as a Marxist-oriented youth organization which would be used as a recruiting ground for the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA). This organization merged with CP youth and independent Marxist youth in the formation of a new organization in February, 1970, at which time the DCA became defunct.



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APPENDIX

WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE/  
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

A source advised during August, 1969, that at the National Convention (NC) of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held in Chicago, Illinois, during June, 1969, a split arose between the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and the National Office (NO), the NO becoming known as the Weatherman faction. The PLP faction drew the largest support among those in attendance at the NC.

Source further advised that during late Summer, 1969, the PLP faction of SDS established its National Headquarters (NH) on the second floor of a loft-type building at 173A Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. The campaign on which the PLP faction centered was to build a worker student alliance or a campus worker student alliance. Thus, they adopted the names of Worker Student Alliance (WSA) or Campus Worker Student Alliance.

Source stated that the "New Left Notes," printed in New York City, is the official publication of the WSA faction.

A second source advised during January, 1970, that within the SDS, the WSA is a caucus of which the PLP constitutes the leadership.

A third source advised during July, 1970, that during demonstrations staged in the Boston area during the Spring and Summer of 1970 by the NH, the main theme of previous demonstrations staged by the NH shifted from protestations of the Vietnam War and other United States foreign policy matters to attacking domestic issues such as racism and unemployment and demonstrating support of the "workers' struggle."

Characterizations of the SDS  
and PLP are set out separately.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

A source advised on May 14, 1970, that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) maintains its national headquarters at 41 Union Square West, New York, New York, and has as its official publication, "The Young Socialist Organizer" (YSO). The YSA is the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and serves as the main source of recruitment into the SWP.

According to the masthead of the "YSO" dated April 29, 1970, the YSA is described as "A multi-national revolutionary socialist youth organization."

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Stephen M. Carbone, dated and captioned as above, at New York, New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/8/71

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (100-2771) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETE SEEGER  
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The 1/31/71 issue of "Grama" contained an article regarding PETER SEEGER, his daughter MIKA SEEGER and his son-in-law, "the Puerto Rican EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ." The article said all were involved in progressive movements in the U. S.

The article said that PETER (PETE) SEEGER was invited to Cuba by the National Council for Culture and was to remain in Cuba two weeks.

The article quoted PETE SEEGER as saying, at the airport, that he was happy to be in Cuba to help however possible the revolution. He said "all of us know how to cut (cane)." He went on to say he would like to cut cane and sing for the people in the small towns, above all, for the youth in Cuba. He talked about his appearance in Vietnam and at Washington, D.C., on 11/15/70.

He was questioned as to whether he had gained what he proposed in his songs. He replied that he would answer that question when the U. S. withdraws from Vietnam.

PETE SEEGER additionally stated that he wanted to visit Artemisa to sing at an agriculture school, "Eduardo Garcia Lavandero." He said that good friends, described as a North American married couple, worked at that school. The article said that PETE SEEGER was accompanied by his daughter, MIKA SEEGER, and his son-in-law, EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau and New York since it is not known if the travel to

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XEROX (3-New York)

(1-105-97713) (MIKA SEEGER) (RUC)

(1-105- ) (EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ)

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(1-105-6982) (MIKA SEEGER) (RUC)

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Cuba by the subjects is known. Extra copies of this letter are furnished for the Bureau and New York files regarding MIKA SEEGER and EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ.

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[redacted] has furnished no information regarding this travel and apparently the travel was not made via Mexico.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/10/71

FROM: *W* LEGAT, MADRID

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER

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(NYfile 105-97713)  
(MADfile 105-336) (P)

EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ  
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(OO: NY)  
(Bufile 105-211193)  
(MADfile 105-337) (P)

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On 3/9/71, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that PETER SEEGER, born 5/3/19 in New York, a musician by profession, in possession of U. S. Passport #Z-1057737, issued at the American Embassy in London, England, registered at the Hotel Plaza, Madrid, on 1/8/71. It was not possible to determine from where SEEGER had arrived and he departed from the hotel on 1/15/71 without indicating his destination.

[redacted] further advised that MIKA SEEGER also arrived at the Hotel Plaza, Madrid, on 1/8/71, remaining there until 1/19/71.

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[redacted] further advised that EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ, born [redacted], a photographer by profession and in possession of U. S. Passport #Z-242885, issued on 4/24/68 at San Juan, Puerto Rico, also arrived at the Hotel Plaza on 1/8/71, remaining there until 1/15/71. RODRIGUEZ departed from the hotel on 1/15/71 but returned the same day and remained until 1/19/71. From information gathered at the hotel, it appeared that RODRIGUEZ was MIKA SEEGER's husband.

None of the above individuals had otherwise come to the attention of [redacted]



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PETER SEEGER

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EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ

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Madrid

Attached is the translation which ~~was~~ requested by letter dated 3/2/71, copies herewith.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Forwarded herewith.

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3 - San Juan - Enclosures (9) (6 translations, 3 relets).  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan (Attn. Internal Security Section),  
sent direct with enclosures (2) (2 translations.)

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

"Bohemia" - January 29, 1971

PETE SEEGER

Sings "La Guantanamera" In Cuba

Interviewer:  
Reinaldo Penalver Moral

Photographs:  
Enrique Castro

In the midst of the natural atmosphere of an airport - noise of luggage being moved, of airplane engines, etc. - a six-foot tall American wearing a beard trimmed in the style of a Franciscan monk strums an enormous guitar - 12 strings - while he sings a melody which has traveled around the world within the last few years...

The name of this person is Pete Seeger and the melody is "La Guantanamera." While Pete sings, a Cuban whose face reflects admiration, visibly moved, observes him attentively... It is Joseito Fernandez, the popular composer and interpreter of this very Cuban melody.

Singing "a capella", Joseito is grateful for this original greeting and welcomes him at the end with a strong and emotional embrace...

This is a brief description of last Saturday's meeting between a man who created a melody thirty years ago and another man who made it known throughout the world.

At the Jose Marti International Airport in Rancho Boyeros, in addition to the functionaries of the National Council of Culture - Pete's visit to Cuba is on the invitation of this organization - and a group of Americans who reside in Cuba, there was also a person who played an important role in the successful resurrection of "La Guantanamera." His name is Hector Angulo. It was during a trip to New York that he furnished the music and the lyrics of this popular song to the American singer.

Who Is Pete Seeger?

The man who made "La Guantanamera" popular throughout the world arrived accompanied by his daughter Mika and

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MADELEINE T. STONE: *bls*

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his son-in-law Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez. He was born 51 years ago in New York City. His mother was a violin teacher, and his father was a notable musicologist. From an early age, Pete became interested in the mysteries of the ruled staff.

When he was still very young, he took his banjo and, deeply knowledgeable of American folklore, he traveled through the Southern and Midwestern states of his country playing and singing for the farmers in the mountains as well as on the plains.

At the end of World War II, in which he fought as a soldier, he joined the group known as "The Almanac Singers," who used to do songs about labor union issues.

Attracted from an early age by political activities as well as by music, he brought both together and began to sing for the strikers at demonstrations and meetings of the unemployed, denouncing through his songs the criminal war launched by the imperialists against Vietnam.

Through his music, Pete Seeger has reached every corner of the United States, and millions of Americans have joined him in singing at free concerts, marches and at gala appearances in theaters such as Carnegie Hall.. Many of his concerts have been dedicated to raising funds for popular struggles.

#### First Time in Cuba

- Is this the first time you visited our country?

- Yes. It is the first time, and I was looking forward to visiting Cuba for the purpose of knowing everything that is happening in this country and in order to help, if possible... because let me tell you that I, as well as my daughter and her husband, can handle the machete.

- Will you give some concerts?

- Of course. I would like to sing for the Cubans, especially for the young ones...

- What is your opinion about "La Guantanamera"?

- Imagine it. "La Guantanamera" is the most requested song in my repertoire, even though I cannot pronounce Spanish very well. I have had to sing this song in many countries.



- Has the recording of "La Guantanamera" been very successful?

- As far as my recording is concerned, a limited number of copies was made, and these copies were sold to my friends. It was they who made it known to a larger number of persons. However, other singers have recorded millions of records in different parts of the world. Jose Marti's verses give a great strength to the song. It is beautiful, isn't it?

- Where did you meet Hector Angulo?

- I met him at a children's camp in New York where he worked. One Sunday I went to sing for the children, and they asked me to sing "La Guantanamera." Angulo had acquainted them with the song. Then I decided to learn it and you see what happened; since then, everyone asks me to sing it...and I am very pleased to comply.

- Thank you very much, comrade Seeger...

- Thank you and "Bohemia".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/2/71

FROM : LEGAT, MADRID

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER

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(OO: NY)

(Bufile 100-200845)

(NYfile 100-83801)

(MADfile 105-335) (P)

MIKA SEEGER

SM - C

(Bufile 105-183924)

(NYfile 105-97713)

(MADfile 105-336) (P)

EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ

SM - C

(OO: NY)

(Bufile 105-211193)

(MADfile 105-337) (P)

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ReBulet to New York 2/25/71.

[redacted] advised that MIKA SALTER SEEGER, U. S. Passport #A-1869602, and EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ, U. S. Passport #Z-842885, had arrived in Madrid from Havana, Cuba, aboard Iberia Flight 942 of 2/8/71.

[redacted] further advised that on 2/11/71 PETER SEEGER was scheduled to give a recital at the University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain. The Spanish authorities, however, prohibited the holding of this recital, following which a group of students caused a disturbance and attacked the IBM building.

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On 2/23/71, [ ] furnished a report, classified "CONFIDENTIAL," in the Spanish language regarding PETER SEEGER.

On 3/1/71, [ ] furnished an article regarding PETER SEEGER in the Spanish language which appeared in the 1/29/71 issue of "Bohemia," a Havana weekly.

The Bureau is requested to have the enclosed [ ] report and the "Bohemia" article translated and furnish the results of the translations to New York and San Juan.

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Document Type: Memorandum

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File Number: 100-HQ-200845, Section 8

From: SAC, New York

To: Director, FBI

Subject: Peter Seeger

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/26/71

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

Re New York letter and enclosed LHM to Bureau,  
2/5/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are eight and two copies, respectively, of an LHM setting forth the results of a review of the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), by SC CHARLES F. MOORE. The LHM contains all of the information in the files since the file was last reviewed and information furnished New York in WFO letter and LHM to Bureau, 12/15/66.

Copies of the photo appearing on his passport application will be forwarded to New York by routing slip when processed.

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date 3/12/71  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

February 26, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

PETER SEEGER

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The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by a representative of the FBI on February 18, 1971, disclose that Peter Seeger was issued Passport Number J-736031 on June 10, 1968, at New York, New York, for proposed travel to Sweden to sing for the World Council of Churches. In his application dated June 7, 1968, at New York he stated his intention to depart from New York via air about June 23, 1968, for a stay of two weeks. This passport also included his wife, Toshi-Aline Seeger. This passport was valid for five years' travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

This individual stated that he was born on May 3, 1919, at New York, New York. He gave his permanent residence as Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and his mailing address as Box 431, Beacon, New York, 12508. He listed his parents as Charles Louis ~~Seeger~~ <sup>Mrs. Charles Louis Seeger</sup>, born December 14, 1886, in Mexico City, Mexico, a United States citizen, and Constance DeClyvver ~~Edson Seeger~~ <sup>Mrs. Peter Seeger</sup>, born November 27, 1886, in Denver, Colorado. He stated that <sup>N.Y.</sup> he was last married on July 20, 1943, to Toshi-Aline ~~Ohta~~ <sup>Seeger</sup>, born July 1, 1922, at Munich, Germany, a United States citizen, and the marriage is not terminated. In the event of death or accident, he requested that his wife be notified at their permanent residence mentioned above. <sup>Sweden</sup> Mrs. Peter Seeger

Toshi-Aline Seeger Dutchess Junction, Beacon, N.Y.  
The passport file contains a letter from the Passport Office to Mr. Martin Popper, attorney for Peter Seeger, dated June 20, 1968, stating that: "Mr. Seeger does not meet the criteria for an exception to the general restrictions on travel to Cuba. In general, a scholar must have a postgraduate degree."

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PETER SEEGER

The following description appeared in his file:

Height:	6 feet 1½ inches
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Occupation:	Musician

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# Memorandum

TO :

DATE: MAR 3 1971

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-435819)

FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (105-9541) (P)

SUBJECT:

SCOTT HICKS HERRICK  
IS - CUBA

(OO: Miami)

ReBullets, 2-26-71, and 2-10-71; and  
Miami letter to Bureau and enclosed LHM, both dated  
2-10-71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies and  
for New York, four copies of an LHM, dated and captioned  
as above.

The Bureau is requested to furnish one copy  
of this LHM to the Department, and to disseminate single  
copies of enclosed LHM to the Foreign Assets Control  
Section, U. S. Department of Treasury, Washington, D. C.,  
and to the Office of Export Control, U. S. Department of  
Commerce, Washington, D. C., as the stated primary  
objective of the proposed travel to Cuba by the subject,  
in cooperation with the War Resisters League (WRL), is  
to challenge the Trading with the Enemy Act and the  
trade embargo of Cuba.

The source mentioned in the enclosed LHM  
is   FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The enclosed LHM is classified Confidential  
in order to protect the identity of   The  
unauthorized disclosure of the information attributed  
to this source could reasonably result in his identification  
and thereby compromise his future effectiveness.

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(1-100-200845) (Pete Seeger)
- 4-New York (Enc. 4) (RM)  
(2-105-70771)  
(1-97-5) (WRL)  
(1-100-83801) (Pete Seeger)

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Local dissemination of enclosed LHM is being made as follows:

- 1 - U. S. Coast Guard, Miami, Florida
- 1 - Cuban Affairs (State Department),  
Miami, Florida
- 1 - OSI, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
- 1 - NISO, Charleston, S. C.
- 1 - 111th M.I. Group, Orlando, Florida
- 1 - U. S. Customs, Miami, Florida
- 1 - CIA, Miami, Florida

As requested in Bulet of 2-26-71, the Miami Office will continue to follow this matter and will keep the Bureau apprised of developments by the most expeditious means warranted.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 105-9541

Miami, Florida

MAR 3 1971

RE: SCOTT HICKS HERRICK  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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On February 23, 1971, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that several days previously a telephone call had been placed by the subject to a JIM GARRETT (phonetic). This call was presumably to New York City, and HERRICK indicated during the call that he might postpone his trip to Cuba until May so that folk singer, PETE SEEGER, could accompany him. HERRICK further indicated that SEEGER had previously been to Cuba.

The source continued that HERRICK left Fort Lauderdale for New York City several days previously to attend a United Nations meeting or meetings.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 105-9541

Miami, Florida

MAR 3 1971

Title SCOTT HICKS HERRICK

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference Memorandum, dated and captioned  
as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, San Juan

February 22, 1971

Director, FBI

PETER SEEGER  
SM - CI  
MIKA SEEGER  
SM - CI  
EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ  
SM - CI

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Madrid

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 2/5/71, copy herewith.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Forwarded herewith. Copy of letter from Madrid dated 1/22/71 also forwarded herewith. EX-100 REC-33 100-20045-214  
1 - New York - Enclosures (3) (1 translation, 1 relet, 1 copy of letter from Madrid dated 1/22/71.  
1 - Madrid - Enclosure.  
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan, (Attn.: S. F. Phillips), sent direct with enclosure.  
1 - Special Coordination Unit, sent direct without enclosure.

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

" I HAVE COME TO CUBA TO LEARN "

-- said American folk singer Peter Seeger.

When Joseito Fernandez arrived at the Immigration Department, Peter was already there waiting. "I hope that you will feel at home in our country", said Joseito as they shook hands.

"I regret that you do not understand my Spanish very well", said Seeger in reply, "but from the bottom of my heart: all my love".

Peter Seeger took his 12-string guitar and, throwing a glance around at those who were present, said,: "It is an honor to sing 'La Guantanamera' in the presence of Joseito and of Hector Angulo, who taught me this version". He immediately began to play the well-known chords of the melody, to the joy of all those present. The Cuban musician sang the lyrics.

The spontaneity which characterized the meeting was maintained throughout the visit of the American folk singer at the "Jose Marti" Airport. Seeger will remain in Cuba for two weeks as a guest of the CNC.

He arrived in the company of his daughter Mika and of his son-in-law, the Puerto Rican Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez, both members of the progressive movement in the United States.

"I feel happy and glad to be in Cuba, a country to which I have come to learn and to help the Revolution as much as possible. We all know how to use the machete. I would like to cut cane and to sing for the people in the small towns and, above all, for the young people", said Seeger.

"This song proves that the music of the people can travel throughout the whole world", exclaimed this creative artist in reply to a question. "'La Guantanamera' has been the most universal song I have done. It is not just that the music is appreciated throughout the world but that the words are so basically important. There are many songs which say: I love my country.... but the important thing is that Marti was a truly sincere man".

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MADELEINE TORRES:lmc *lmc*

February 19, 1971

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"I have been singing in Vietnam for 7 years", added Seeger. "On November 15, during the moratorium held in Washington, D.C., I sang 'Bring Back, Bring Back the Soldiers from Vietnam'. Half a million people joined in unison. It was the largest audience I ever sang for.

"These songs do not reach the radio or television of my country, because they protest against the aggression of the Pentagon against Indochina, and we know who those stations belong to."

-- Have you achieved your purpose in singing those songs? - he was asked.

"I will answer that question when the United States leaves Vietnam."

Finally, the creator of "If I Had a Hammer", "Sixteen Tons", and other protest songs which are known throughout the world, announced that he was interested in visiting Artemisa and singing at the school on the "Eduardo Garcia Lavandero" farm, where some friends of his, an American married couple, work.

"To sing to the children there will be the best homage I could render to Marti on his birthday".

Omar Vazquez

Photos: Torreiro

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To: Director, FBI

Subject: Peter Seeger, Mika Seeger, Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez

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File Number: 100-HQ-200845, Section 8

From:

To:

Subject: Folk Singer Pete Seeger Arrives in Havana

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/22/71

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (100-14920) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bulet to Miami 4/8/65 and Miamilet to Bureau and New York dated 2/10/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies, and for New York 2 copies, of an lhm dated and captioned as above.

The source mentioned in enclosed lhm is [redacted] and the translation from Spanish to English was done by Miami Translator Eleanore M. Schoenberger.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-14920

Miami, Florida  
February 22, 1971

Re: PETER SEEGER  
Security Matter - C

On February 11, 1971, a source which has furnished reliable information in the past made available a copy of the January 25, 1971 edition of "Granma," self-described as the organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba. Page 3 of this newspaper contains the following article, as translated, captioned: "I Have Come to Cuba to Learn."

"I HAVE COME TO CUBA TO LEARN," SAYS AMERICAN  
FOLK SINGER PETER SEEGER

"When Joseito Fernandez arrived at the Immigration Department, Peter Seeger was already waiting for him. 'I hope you will feel at home in our country,' he told the new arrival, offering his hand.

"'I regret you may not be able to understand my Spanish,' said Seeger in answer, 'but from the bottom of my heart, my best.'

"Peter Seeger picked up his guitar, and looking at the people around, he said: 'It is an honor to sing "La Guantanamera" in the presence of Joseito and of Hector Angulo, who taught it to me.' Immediately, he began to play the well known melody, and the bystanders were delighted. The Cuban musician sang with him.

"The spontaneity which characterized the first meeting was kept up during the entire stay of the popular American folk singer at Jose Marti Airport. Seeger will remain in Cuba two weeks, at the invitation of the CNC (National Council of Culture).

Re: PETER SEEGER

"He arrived accompanied by his daughter Mika, and his brother-in-law, a Puerto Rican named Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez, both participants in the progressive movements in the United States.

"I am happy and content to be in Cuba, where I have come to learn and to help the Revolution in any way possible. We all know how to use the machete. I would like to cut cane and sing for the people in the small villages and, above all, for the young people," said Seeger.

"This song shows that the music of the people can travel all over the world," remarked the outstanding writer, in answer to a question. "The Guantanamera has been the most universal I have interpreted. Not only the music is beloved by all the world, but also the words are basically important. There are many songs which say: I love my country....But the important thing is that Marti was a truly sincere man.

"I have sung for Viet Nam for 7 years," added Seeger. "On November 15th, during the moratorium held in Washington, D. C., I sang "Bring back, bring back the soldiers from Viet Nam," half a million people joined in the chorus. That is the largest audience I ever sang for.

"These songs are not heard on radio and television in my country, because they are against the Pentagon aggression in Indochina, and we know who these stations belong to."

"Did you achieve what you planned in singing these songs," he was asked.

"I will answer that question when the United States withdraws from Viet Nam."

Re: PETER SEEGER

"Finally, the creator of 'If I had a Hammer,' '16 Tons,' and other protest songs which have gone around the world, announced that he was interested in visiting Artemisa and singing at the Eduardo Garcia Lavandero School, where an American couple, friends of his, are working.

"'To sing for the children there will be the best tribute I could give to Marti on his birthday.'"

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**PETER SEEGER**  
**IS-CU**  
**MIKA SEEGER**  
**IS-CU**  
**EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ**  
**IS-CU**

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Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 2/18/71.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

**Returned herewith.**

- 1 - New York (100-83801) - Enclosures (7) (4 translations, 1 relet, 2 English language materials)
- 1 - San Juan - Enclosures (7) (4 translations, 1 relet, 2 English language materials)

Enc. (18) 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan (Attn.: Nationalities Intelligence Section),  
Special Coordination Unit, sent direct with enclosures (4) (4 translations)  
sent direct without enclosures.

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**APR 10 1971**

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TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

From a newspaper clipping dated February 11, 1971.  
Possibly the name of the paper is "Madrid."

On His Way to Seville, Where He  
Will Sing Tonight

Pete Seeger in Madrid

Yesterday, at 2:10 p.m., Pete Seeger, the great folk singer from the United States - one of the most prestigious singers in the world - arrived at Barajas Airport. He was in the company of his daughter Madka, of her fiancée, of Valencian singer Raimon and of the latter's wife Annalisa.

Seeger flew in from San Sebastian where, on the previous day, he had performed in one of the theaters of that capital city.

Previously, he had performed at Tarrasa.

Within two hours of his arrival in Madrid, Seeger flew off again - to Seville, where he is scheduled to sing tonight.

Prior to returning to New York, he is also scheduled to sing in Barcelona, where he will perform in the park (?) of the School for Industrial Engineers at 12:00, noon.

Seeger is 52 years old and has more than 50 long-playing records to his credit, with hundreds of folk songs from all countries of the world, including Spain.

He held a long conversation with reporters. Among other things, he said that political songs are not everything. A political song is not capable of transforming a society by itself, but has value as a means of support for such a transformation. He also said that he would like it if there were "peace, freedom and work for everybody" in all countries of the world.

TRANSLATED BY:  
RAFFAELE A. VACCARI:mls  
March 23, 1971

mls 180-200845-210  
ENCLOSURE

He said: "My weapons are my songs and my banjo. I wage my own war with them."

✓ In our Saturday supplement, "Madrid - Sunday," we shall offer a full report on the life and work of this congenial American folk singer who is the "father" (even though he dislikes the term) of a large portion of the folk song movement in his country.

R. O.

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## Students Battle Barcelona Police Over Concert Ban

BARCELONA, Feb. 14 (AP).—Barcelona university students battled police with stones yesterday after a concert by American folksinger Pete Seeger was unexpectedly banned.

An estimated 3,000 students gathered at the university's School of Engineering to hear Mr. Seeger, 51, and left the building chanting "We want Seeger" and "No more repression."

Student groups then blocked traffic and pelted helmeted riot police with stones as they charged to break up the demonstrations. Several students were injured and at least 20 were arrested, sources said.

The civil governor's office gave no reason for the banning. Mr. Seeger's Barcelona appearance was his last scheduled in Spain on an impromptu tour that began a week ago. University sources indicated earlier that his concert might be banned because an anti-government demonstration broke out following another concert in the industrial city of Tarrasa near here last Sunday.

"International Herald Tribune"  
Paris, France  
February 15, 1971  
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To: Director, FBI

Subject: Travel Control-Cuba

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/10/71

FROM : *W* SAC, MIAMI (100-14920) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Bureau letter to Miami, 4/8/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies, and for New York 2 copies, of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Referenced Bureau letter set out that PETER SEEGER is on the Security Index of the New York Office and that any pertinent information concerning him should be furnished to New York.

Source mentioned in enclosed LHM is

The  information in enclosed LHM was not classified.

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

*ENCLOSURE*

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REC-71

*W*  
*100-200845-206*

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- ② - Bureau (Encl. 5) (RM)
  - 2 - New York (Encl. 2) (100-83801) (RM)
  - 1 - Miami
- FEG:apj  
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cc of LHM for info to  
RAO, SS, State, USIA & CIA  
2/24/71 SFP/umj

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*Security*





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-14920

Miami, Florida  
February 10, 1971

Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

On February 8, 1971, the following information concerning captioned individual was received from another government agency:

On February 4, 1971, according to a Havana, Cuba, domestic service broadcast, American singer Pete Seeger visited the headquarters, in Cuba, of the Cuban Committee for Solidarity with the Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian people. It was further related that the ambassadors to Cuba from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam), the People's Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam (Viet Cong), and Cambodia (government in exile) met with the American performer there. According to the broadcast, Seeger sang a number of songs denouncing American aggression in Indo-China. It was further related that Seeger is visiting Cuba at the invitation of the Cuban National Council on Culture.

The above government agency also furnished excerpts from a second Havana, Cuba, domestic broadcast on February 4, 1971, in which it was announced that United States folk singer Pete Seeger had departed that date by air for Europe after a visit to Cuba that began on January 23, 1971. It was related that captioned individual sang protest songs at several theaters, state farms, schools and work centers. Before boarding his plane, Seeger, according to the broadcast, said that he was taking with him a most gratifying impression of the Cuban people because of their high revolutionary spirit and the splendid tasks in which they are engaged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *John J. [signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/5/71

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

*[redacted]* made available by  
Bureau 2/3/71, re subject being in Cuba.

Enclosed for Bureau are the original and six  
copies of LHM and one copy for WFO pertaining to PETER  
SEEGER's travel abroad.

The following source utilized in attached LHM  
is ☐

☐ communication not classified.

On 2/5/71, SA STEPHEN M. CARBONE, NYO, telephonically  
contacted PETER SEEGER's office, 200 W. 57th Street, Suite 304,  
NY, NY (tel # JU 6-6553) pretexting a booking engagement. At  
that time an unidentified women advised SEEGER was not in NY and  
would return in one week.

LEAD:

## WASHINGTON FIELD

WFO is requested to review files of USDS, Passport Section  
to determine if SEEGER is in possession of a valid passport, if so,  
furnish background data. WFO is also requested to determine if  
SEEGER has received permission from USDS to travel to Cuba. The  
results of above review should be forwarded to Bureau and NYO by  
LHM. It should be noted that SEEGER's passport issued 6/17/63,  
was numbered D45 3486.

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM) ST-112  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845  
NYfile 100-83801

New York, New York  
February 5, 1971

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

Peter Seeger resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer.

[redacted] advised that Seeger arrived in Havana, Cuba, January 24, 1971. He was met at Jose Marti International Airport by National Council of Culture Officials as well as Josepto Fernandez and Hector Argulos, a Cuban composer. *Cuba*

Seeger was accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law.

On February 5, 1971, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, utilizing a suitable pretext, was advised by Peter Seeger's Office, 200 West 57th Street, New York, New York, that Mr. Seeger is presently out-of-town and will return to New York in one week.

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ENCLOSURE

2/16/71

TO SAC, New York ( 100-83801 )

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI ( 100-200845 )

Subject:

PETER SEEGER  
SM - C

Reference: ☐ Cover pages of SA ☐ Report of SA ☐ Letterhead memo  
dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Letter ☐ Teletype ☐ Airtel ☐ Radiogram ☐ Cablegram dated 2/5/71 from New York  
to Director, FBI and WFO Your mail dispatch of \_\_\_\_\_, registry number \_\_\_\_\_

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Remarks:

- 1) Following changes made in paragraph two of LHM. In line one, last word "who" changed to "which." In line two, word "abroad" deleted.
- 2) In view of subject's position on SI, dissemination should have been made to Secret Service locally and Bureau furnished copies of FD-376. See MOI, Section 87, page 53. Make local dissemination. Bureau has disseminated at headquarters level.

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ENCLOSURE 100-200845-205

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1 - Foreign Liaison Desk  
1 - Mr. V. H. Nasca  
1 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

SAC, New York

2/25/71

Director, FBI

PETER SEEGER

SM - C

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MIKA SEEGER

SM - C

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EMILIO RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ

SM - C

Bufile 105-211193

(OO: NY)

Enclosed for NY are three copies each and for SJ two copies each of Legat, Madrid, letters to Bureau 1/22/71 and 2/5/71.

Recipients please note character in above captioned matters to be carried as "SM - C" rather than "IS - CU."

For information of recipients not previously aware, Peter Seeger is included in the Security Index, Priority III, NY origin. His daughter, Mika, is not included in the Security Index, Bureau's investigation concerning her having been closed by NYlet 4/24/69. Bureau had no previous case concerning third listed subject, who is reportedly husband of Mika; case file now open at the Bureau.

NY should utilize information in enclosures as well as subsequent information forthcoming from Legat, Madrid, in furnishing Bureau LHM's concerning Peter Seeger's travels abroad.

Enclosures - 6

2 - San Juan (Enclosures - 4)

3 - Legat, Madrid

1 - 105-335 (Peter Seeger)

1 - 105-336 (Mika Seeger)

1 - 105-337 (Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

51 MAR 12 1971  
FEB 24 1971  
53 MAR 1 1971

Letter to SAC, New York  
Re: Peter Seeger, et al.

Concerning Mika, NY instructed to review its file and recent information, after which evaluation should be made as to whether or not further investigation of her is desirable. Advise Bureau of results of your review.

Concerning Rodriguez Vazquez, SJ should review its files and check with established sources to further identify this individual. NY should take like action and, after receipt of results from SJ, advise Bureau as to further investigation deemed advisable.

Translations requested by Legat, Madrid, letter 2/5/71 being handled separately at the Bureau and will be forwarded recipients in due course.

NOTE:

Peter Seeger is the well-known entertainer with long-time communist background. He, daughter Mika, and son-in-law Rodriguez Vazquez recently in Cuba and now reportedly in Spain.

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From: Legat, Madrid

To: Director, FBI

Subject: Peter Seeger, Mika Seeger, Emilio Rodriguez Vazquez

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REC-47, 100-200845-201

Dear Mr. Gaarder:

With respect to your inquiry, this Bureau conducts a considerable amount of investigation regarding the activities of those individuals and organizations which seek to undermine our basic freedoms and the internal security of our country. We furnish the results of our inquiries to the Department of Justice which has the responsibility for determining whether prosecution is warranted in these matters.

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Sincerely yours, 10

REC'D J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)  
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Mr. Rodger Gaarder

**Enclosures**

**A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS**

**Director's testimony 3/5/70 re the Black Panthers, racial, extremist and communist groups.**

**NOTE: Correspondent wrote us in October, 1968 inquiring about communist influence in the Churches. His letter was acknowledged 10/17/68 and he was advised of the <sup>Confidential</sup> nature of our files; however, that our churches have been targets of over-all communist endeavors. He was sent reprint material. Peter Seeger is the subject of Bufile 100-200845 and was reportedly a communist party member from 1947 to 1949.**

6 24  
Park River, N. Dak. 58270  
September 21, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all I want to say what a fine job you are doing as director. We certainly can be fortunate that we have a man like you in this position.

In previous correspondence you mentioned that information in your files was confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. To me it certainly is not right that persons who would favor overthrow of our Government can be protected like this. Perhaps you could give me further information on this law.

*North Dakota*  
I am very much concerned about the Youth Department of our American Lutheran Church letting speakers as Pete Seeger come to the Luther League convention. From information which I have collected, Pete Seeger is an identified Communist. I understand that such identification is made in the 1960 (p. 51) and the 1962 (p. 27) annual reports of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

I realize that your files are confidential but I am wondering if it would be possible for you to secure copies for me of the reports which I mentioned and any other material which could be available on Pete Seeger.

I hope you can see my concern as I understand that Seeger was the highlight of the convention with the youth.

Again I want to compliment you and your department on the fine work you are doing and it is too bad that under law there are certain things more which you cannot do.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Rodger Gaarder*  
Rodger Gaarder

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EX 106

August 3, 1970

REC-20

100-200845-200

*[Handwritten signature]*

Mrs. B. R. Stubbs  
102 West Shore Place  
Richardson, Texas 75080

Informant

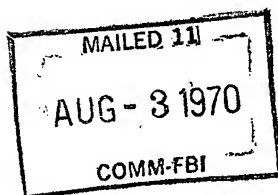
Dear Mrs. Stubbs:

In response to your letter which was received on July 30th, I cannot furnish the specific information you are seeking as data in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am, however, enclosing material regarding some of the groups seeking to foment unrest in our Nation which contains suggestions all of us can use.

You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," "A Study of Communism" and "J. Edgar Hoover on Communism." They may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism  
Forward to Chaos for the New Left in Action  
SDS and the High Schools  
A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence  
Director's testimony 3/5/70 re Black Panthers, Racial Extremist and Communist Groups

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is a well-known folk singer. He has been the subject of a Security Matter-C investigation by the Bureau and has also been questioned in the past by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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102 West Shore Place  
Richardson, Texas  
July 25, 1970

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Can you please tell me if Pete Seeger is a member of the Communist Party and, if so, what involvement he has with it.

I am interested because I have heard he is and if so I must protest his appearance, even in a professional capacity as a folk guitarist, on NET'S "Sesame Street" childrens TV program.

I have written the shows producer and the Info. Dept. advised me that they had not inquired into his political ideology and that whatever it is, it had no bearing on his performing on their show! But it does! If children think Sesame St. is good & they learn a Communist appeared on it then they say Communism is good!

I am so concerned with the Communist push to take over our Country & I see it at every turn. Please help me & advise me as to how I can combat it on above problem.

Mrs. B. R. Stubbs

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Richardson, Texas  
July 25, 1970

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March 3, 1970

REC-28

*\* ad-200845-199*  
Mrs. N. G. Schmitz  
624 Castalia Street  
Bellevue, Ohio 44811

*Helen Ryan Schmitz*

Dear Mrs. Schmitz:

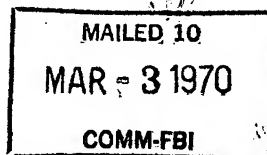
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In reply to your letter of February 24th, I  
regret I am unable to be of assistance as information in our  
files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with  
regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reveal one prior outgoing to correspondent dated 2-10-69,  
in reply to her expression of confidence. Peter Seeger is the subject  
of Bufiles 100-200845 and is one the Security Index of the New York Office.

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624 Castalia Street  
Bellevue, Ohio 44811  
February 24, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps this letter and request might seem a little out-of-order to you, but I know that if anyone can supply the information I seek, you can.

I am thoroughly disgusted with some of the "happenings" in our church of late (Catholic) and I am trying in my own small way to do something about it. I am writing an article about the music that is being foisted upon us in some of the "new" hymnals. In the one we have in our parish, the protest song "We Shall Overcome" is included, the author being listed as "Anonymous." Now if I am not mistaken, Pete Seeger is the author, and I am under the impression that he is a member of the Communist Party, or at least a Communist sympathizer. Would it be possible for you to substantiate this information for me. It would mean a lot to me, and I would be everlastingly grateful.

Respectfully yours,

*Helen Ryan Schmitz*

(Mrs. N. G. Schmitz)

P.S. I hope you NEVER retire!

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100-200845-199

MAR 4 1970

CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

ATTN:

TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 )

DATE: 1/30/70

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn ( 100-1111 ) ( RUC )

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

Pete Seeger

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

Enclosed is one copy each of one item(s) pertaining  
to subject received fromRequest enclosure(s) \_\_\_\_\_ be translated ☐ in summary  
☐ verbatim and enclosure(s) and translation sent to interested field division.Subject uses the return address: Box 431,  
Beacon, New York, in writing to VICTOR GROSSMAN in East  
Berlin. He states:Germany

"Wonderful to hear from you."

"Would you be interested in learning more about the Hudson River Sloop project? It's a very interesting thing to see the struggle against pollution joining forces with the peace struggle and the civil rights struggle. I'm convinced that projects like this could be undertaken in many parts of the world wherever there are people who love sailing and are concerned about water as well as problems of war and peace and racism."

"I see your brother every year down at the Boat Show."

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GROSSMAN is one of the better-known aliases of STEPHEN WECHSLER, Buffalo origin, Bufile 100-359527. He deserted from the U. S. Army in West Germany in 1952 and has been active as an East German propagandist since. There is no indication he intends ever to return to the United States.

GROSSMAN's brother, to whom subject refers, is probably WALT WELLES (born WECHSLER), who resides in Westport, Connecticut. There is no current Bureau interest in WELLES, as far as known to Bonn.

[Redacted]

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

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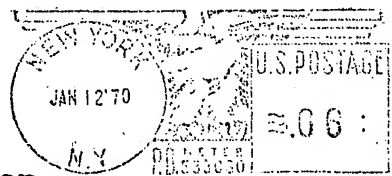
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Victor Grossman

102 Berlin

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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

January 11, 1970

Dear Victor,

Wonderful to hear from you.

Would you be interested in learning more about the Hudson River Sloop project? It's a very interesting thing to see the struggle against pollution joining forces with the peace struggle and the civil rights struggle. I'm convinced that projects like this could be undertaken in many parts of the world wherever there are people who love sailing and are concerned about water as well as problems of war and peace and racism.

I see your brother every year down at the Boat Show.

Love to all the family,

*Pt*

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Pete

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C

DATE: 2/4/70

ReBulet to NY, dated 12/24/69, Legat, London letter to Bureau dated 12/12/69, NYlet to Bureau and LHM dated 1/25/67.

Enclosed herewith are the original and six copies of an LHM pertaining to captioned individuals travel abroad.

The enclosed LHM is classified "Secret" because the information furnished by [redacted] was classified "Secret."

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The following sources were utilized in attached LHM:

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ANS. BY: [redacted]

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(2) - Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)  
1 - New York

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NW 1819 DocId: 34800637 Page 133 Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 4, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bureau file number 100-200845  
New York file number 100-83801

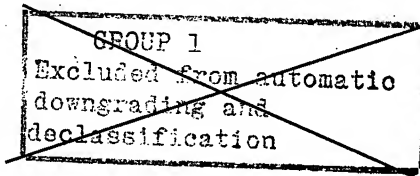
Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to memorandum dated January 25, 1967, concerning captioned individual.

Peter Seeger resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer.

On December 9, 1969, a source abroad, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Seeger arrived in England, via air, from New York, on November 16, 1969, and departed on November 30, 1969.

On January 28, 1970, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject has been observed recently in the Beacon, New York, area, and that he is scheduled to give a concert in Beacon, sometime during the week of January 26 or February 2, 1970.



This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Peter Seeger

On May 13, 1969, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the second session of the Southern District Communist Party Convention was scheduled to be held in Los Angeles, California, on May 17th and May 18, 1969. The source stated that the session would end at noon on May 18, 1969, so that the convention would be able to attend the Seeger concert later that day.

On June 3, 1969, a third source, who has furnished reliable information the past, advised that Seeger gave a concert on May 18, 1969, at the Greek Theater, North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The sources stated this concert was sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee For Defense of the Bill of Rights. (LACDBR). Seeger sang many songs consisting of peace for all men, return of our men from war, and problems of the working class people.

The LACDBR will be referred to in the appendix attached hereto.

On November 14, 1969, a fourth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a testimonial affair was held at 13 Astor Place, New York, New York, on October 24, 1969, to honor Joe North on his 65th birthday. According to the source, Seeger attended this affair and entertained.

On May 6, 1969, an eighth source advised that Joe North was elected a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, United States of America, at its National Convention April 30, 1969 - May 3, 1969.

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On November 21, 1969, a fifth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Seeger entertained at a rally in Washington, D.C. on November 15, 1969, in connection with the Vietnam Moratorium, and made a plea for donations to help defray the cost of this demonstration and to help plan others.

Peter Seeger

On December 12, 1969, a sixth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Communist Party was held on December 6, 1969, at the Painted Horse Restaurant, Miami, Florida. The source stated that the chairman of this celebration announced that Seeger was appearing in concert in Miami Beach, on December 13, 1969, and he urged everyone present to attend.

On December 24, 1969, a seventh source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished that the subject's subscription to the "Peoples World", had expired and wasn't renewed.

The "Peoples World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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Peter Seeger

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APPENDIX

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS,  
formerly known as Los Angeles Committee for  
Protection of Foreign Born (LACDBR)

A source advised in May, 1968, that the LACDBR has expanded its former scope of interest relating to the foreign born, and has become a militant general defense organization allegedly seeking to safeguard the rights of all individuals, including the foreign born, as well as those seeking to avoid military service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The LACDBR is a non-membership organization which is represented by an Administrative Board of about 125 individuals from loosely organized area committees interested in the work of the LACDBR. These board members are invited by ROSE CHERNIN, Executive Director of the LACDBR, who is the guiding, dominant, and motivating force behind the LACDBR. Its headquarters are maintained at 326 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

Another source advised in May, 1968, that ROSE CHERNIN is currently Organizational Secretary of the Moranda Smith Section of the Southern California District Communist Party (SCDCP).

APPENDIX

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EX-103

SAC, New York (100-83801)

REC-125

1 - Mr. Floyd

12/24/69

Director, FBI (100-200845) - 196

PETE SEEGER  
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ReLegat, London, letter dated 12/12/69.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of relet.

New York will note subject's recent travel to  
England.

New York will submit an appropriate LHM containing  
pertinent background and subversive data concerning subject  
for transmittal to interested agencies and to the Legat,  
London.

2 - Legat, London (100-2101)

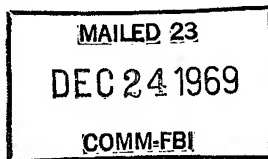
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NOTE:

Subject is on the Security Index. He is a well known  
entertainer and has been involved in communist and communist front  
activities since the mid-1940's.



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15 DEC 30 1969



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/12/69

FROM : Legat, London (100-2101) (P)

SUBJECT: PETE SEEGER  
SM - C

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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By letter dated 12/9/69, classified SECRET,  
[redacted] advised:

Subject arrived England via air from New  
York on 11/16/69 and departed on 11/30/69.

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100-200845 195

February 14, 1969

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CB

Mr. Stanley J. Borajkiewicz  
68 Edgemont Lane  
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

Dear Mr. Borajkiewicz:

Your letter of February 10th has been received.

While I wish I could be of assistance, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 24  
FEB 14 1969  
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Peter Seeger is known to the entertainment world as a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He is a subject of a Security Matter-C investigation, Bufile 100-200845. He has been questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and cited for contempt.

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68 Edgemont Lane  
Willingboro, N. J. 08046  
February 10, 1969

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CB

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a member of the Cardinal Mindzenty Foundation, I am engaged in the fight against communism and find it necessary to ask for your help.

I should appreciate any information you may have on song writer and performer, Pete Seeger and his affiliation with numerous communist front organizations.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Stanley V. Borajkiewicz*  
Stanley J. Borajkiewicz

*lv*

*Per phone  
Director*

REC-6

100-200845/25

15 FEB 17 1969

CORRESPONDENCE

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2/14/69  
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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY  
(See Correlation Summary dated 5/7/64 filed as 100-200845-121)

Main File No: 100-200845

Date: 12/27/68

Subject: Peter Seeger

Date Searched: 5/7/68

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

✓ Peter Seeger  
✓ Peter Bower  
✓ Pete Bowers  
✓ Peter Bowers  
✓ Paul Campbell  
✓ P. Seegar  
✓ Peet Seegar  
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✓ Peter Seegar

✓ P. Seeger  
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✓ Pete Seiger  
✓ Peter Seiger  
✓ Pete Sieger  
✓ Pete Steiger

Summary

6: 5-3-19

N.Y.C., N.Y.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN MORE DETAIL.

Analyst

M. Elizabeth Hendrix

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Coordinator

Annie Mae Hearon

Approved

James P. Benedict

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ABBREVIATION

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Peter Seeger can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

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RELATIVE WHO HAS BUREAU MAIN FILE

The relationship and biographical data of Pete Seeger were set forth in the serial of the main file on his brother, Charles Louis Seeger, III, as follows:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

151-1718-11 p.2,4,5

(14,18)

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that on 3/26/56, the University of Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor Youth League sponsored Pete Seeger, a folk singer, at a public meeting in the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union, Madison, Wisconsin.

Add. info.

138-4897-22 p.20  
(14)

M. G. Lowman, 18 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio furnished photographs of several individuals, including Pete Seeger, who were at the Highlander Folk School (61-7511)\*, on August 31 - September 2, 1957.

Photograph enclosed  
61-7511-203 p.2; encl.p.3  
(20)

\*Monteagle, Tenn.

The 5/3/61 issue of the "Minnesota Daily" carried an article captioned "Seeger Concert Presents Sponsors With Problems." This article reflected that Pete Seeger, folk singer, was to appear on the campus of the University of Minnesota on 5/5/61. The article further reflected that Mulford Q. Sibley (100-441228), professor of political science, was one of two faculty members who jointly had deposited \$600.00 with the University of Minnesota Department of Concerts and Lectures, so that Seeger might appear on the campus.

100-441228-7 p.14  
(8)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that Robert Reed MacLeod (100-442900) attended a social on 5/6/61, at 678 Ardmore Drive, Goleta, California, to raise money for Pete Seeger (locality not given), the folk singer.

Add. info.

100-442900-1 p.8  
(9)

The 3/13/62 issue of "The Worker," contained an article entitled, "Topical Singers Get Organized." The article stated that "Broadside", Box 193, Cathedral Station, NYC (100-437574), a rousing new group of singers who devote themselves to "songs about our times" and "topical songs", had been formed. The group listed Pete Seeger as its advisor.

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On 4/30/62, Former [ ] made available a copy of "Broadside", # 2, dated March, 1962, which also contained the above information.

Add. info.

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100-437574-5 encl.p.1,2  
(7)

Donald Howard Gist (not further identified) and [ ]  
[ ] advised that Pete Seeger sang at a rally which was sponsored by the New York Trade Union Solidarity Committee for Hazard Miners (not further identified), on 1/24/63, at the Community Church of New York, 40 East 35th Street, NYC.

Add. info. according to "New York Herald Tribune", dated 4/5/61.

140-30963-6 p.2,3,4,6  
(14)

The "Worker", dated 2/12/63, carried an article entitled "Queens College Head Irked by Pete Seeger". According to the article, Dr. Harold Stoke, President of Queens College, NY, was cancelling an invitation to Pete Seeger to perform in the First Queens College Folk Festival (date not given).

Add. info.

157-1676-1392 encl.p.3,4  
(15)

This reference on Pete Seeger pertains to the following: A concert for the benefit of Seeger's civil liberties defense fund (not further identified) and the First Unitarian Church general fund; A function for the benefit of Freedom Riders; A University of California, Los Angeles music festival which would include a hootenanny; A "Wee Hours Hoot"; and a folksong festival. Seeger appeared or was scheduled to appear at the above affairs from 10/6/61 to 5/5/63, in Los Angeles and North Hollywood, California. Background data was also set out.

140-28987-10 p.1,11,12,13  
(14)

Los Angeles letter, dated 9/27/63, made reference to a call on or prior to 5/17/63 by Roger Roy Dittman, chairman of the Wilshire Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), relative to obtaining an FBI speaker for his chapter of the ACLU (61-190). Dittman said it came to his attention that a film concerning Pete Seeger (folk singer identified with CP front groups) had been cancelled at the First Unitarian Church (locality and date not given) because of "FBI efforts". The allegation was refuted.

61-190-1041 p.2  
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The August, 1963 issue of "Mainstream" (100-354634), a magazine published in NYC, contained an article by Peter Seeger (locality not given), entitled "Remembering Woody".

Add. info.

100-354634-187 p.14,15  
(6,17)  
SI 100-441317-1 p.3  
(8)

9 The "Herald-Examiner," daily metropolitan Los Angeles evening newspaper, carried an article in its "Sunset Edition" on 8/15/63, captioned, "They Ask a Probe of Folk Singers." This article stated that the Fire and Police Research Association of Los Angeles had called for an investigation by HCUA of folk singers. Associate directors Norman Moore and Gordon Browning said members of the CP were prominent in the art and using folk singing to influence the country's youth. They included the Pete Seegers, the Leonard Potashes (100-417286) and others who had been identified as members of the Communist conspiracy before a Governmental investigating committee.

(100-417286-20 p.20)  
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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

Material extracted from [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) included a communication directed to Alex C. Schlichting, Parkstr 51, Berlin-Pankow, Germany dated 11/8/63, from Earl, 128 Willow Street, Brooklyn 1, NY. In this letter the writer stated he had done a small project for Canadian TV on refugee

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seamen around the world and was hopeful about his banjo concerto for Pete Seeger.

Copy of letter enclosed  
100-5578-117 p.1 encl.1.p.3  
(4)

10 The "Atlanta Journal-Constitution," Atlanta, Georgia, dated 2/2/64, contained an article which stated that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (100-439190) had realized an unspecified amount of money from concerts (locality not shown) given by folk-singer Pete Seeger. The article also stated that the House Committee on Un-American Activities listed "no evidence" of Communist party membership for Seeger, but, according to committee records, he had been associated with nine CP front organizations.

(100-439190-91 p.30)  
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(SI 100-439190-127 p.20)  
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 2/26/64, [ ] advised that Hank Carr, employed at the Express Publishing Company,\* stated that if you were a "leftist" thinker you were called a communist. Carr went on to say that a friend of his named Pete Steiger or Seeger (phonetic), a singer, was so classified and had not been able to work regularly since. Carr also stated that Seeger was in Europe and that he corresponded frequently with him.

100-225892-45-15 p.3  
(4/23)

\*Possibly San Antonio

[ ] advised that a letter was sent out by Eugene Leon Alexander (100-442632) during May, 1964, in reference to the founding convention of a Socialist Oriented Youth Organization, later known as the W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America, which was to be held in San Francisco during the period June 19 through 21, 1964. The writer stated that there were some exciting possibilities in the way of entertainment and benefits; they were getting in touch with Bob Dylan (not further identified) and Pete Seeger. (Letter set out.)

100-442632-2 p.8  
(9)

[ ] and [ ] advised that a CPUSA meeting was held at 65 Second Avenue, NYC, on 8/31/64. Sources advised that Doretta Tarmon brought tickets to this meeting for the Pete Seeger and Nina Simone concert, to be held on 9/12/64, at the Long Island Arena, NYC. This concert was for the benefit of a chapter of CORE\* in Long Island, NY, which was headed by Tarmon's son.

[ ] advised that a meeting of an East Side Club of the CP was held at the apartment of Tarmon, 37 East Fourth Street, NYC, on 9/14/64. Source advised that Tarmon, at this meeting, stated that the above Seeger and Simone concert was a success.

Add. info. according to the "New York Herald Tribune", dated 4/5/61.

100-442529-726 p.65,66,69,147

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SI 100-442529-265 p.478,479,721

(9) (Add. info.)

\*Congress of Racial Equality

Sylvia Berke, 1910 West Verdugo, Burbank, California, a volunteer worker at the Californians Against Proposition 14 (CAP 14) Office, 2901 West Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank, advised that on 9/18/64, a male (not further identified) entered the CAP 14 office and said he was interested in literature regarding Proposition 14 which would be on the November, 1964 Ballot in California. This individual noticed a leaflet in the office advertising a fund raising function at the Hollywood Bowl (not further identified) scheduled for 9/23/64, with folk singers Pete Seeger and Joan Baes on the program. Berke explained that these and other entertainers had donated earnings for that night to CAP 14.

At that point, the individual became very excited and irrational and shouted there would be violence at the Bowl; that the Minutemen (not further identified) had Seeger and Baes on their "list" and "would take care of them;" that these entertainers were communists, and the CAP organization was a CP front.

Mrs. Blanche Fuller, 1134 North Niagra Street, Burbank, a volunteer worker at CAP 14, on 9/23/64, furnished the same information as above and also stated that this individual verbally identified himself as Calvin Fox (62-109407).

62-109407-4 encl.p.1,2

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The Californians Against Proposition Fourteen held a fund-raising affair at the Hollywood Bowl, Hollywood, California, featuring Pete Seeger and Joan Baez, folk singers, on 9/23/64.

Six pickets in the uniforms of the American Nazi Party (not further identified) demonstrated at the entrance to the Hollywood Bowl, carrying placards. One of these placards stated "Seeger-Red Rat-Vote Yes on Fourteen".

Five pickets from the Association for Protection of American Rights, an organization, also demonstrated, carrying placards. One of these placards stated "Pete Seeger the Communist Says No on Fourteen".

Proposition Fourteen was an initiative referendum on the 11/3/64 ballot which would invalidate the Rumford Act, pertaining to known discrimination in home sales and rentals in California.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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157-2033-2 encl.p.1  
(15)

On 10/26/64, [redacted] furnished the Los Angeles Office with a copy of an undated letter which had been distributed by the Travis Defense Committee (100-442322). The letter listed Pete Seeger, Beacon, NY, as one of the sponsors of the above committee.

Letter enclosed  
100-442322-2 encl.1.p.1  
(9)

This reference set out a verbatim transcript of a recording published by Let Freedom Ring (157-1704), which could be obtained from dialing telephone number CO 3-6520 in Philadelphia on 12/14/64. This recording made reference to folk music and Pete Seeger as the most popular folk singer, and contained a summary of Seeger's background, his communist affiliations and activities.

157-1704-17 encl.p.2  
(15)

On 1/21/65, [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that George A. Brager (140-30439), Director of Camp Willoway which was operated by the Young Men's - Young Women's Hebrew Association ("Y") in Mt. Vernon, brought a number of people to Camp Willoway whom source described as left-wingers. As an example, source stated that one of these persons was Pete Seeger (locality not given), a folk singer.

Add. info.

140-30439-10 p.3,7,8  
(14)

On 2/10/65, John Schenick, Alameda County, California, Probation Office, advised that Jacqueline Goldberg was the Berkeley, California organizer of the American group, which was in charge of arranging for the American Delegation to the Ninth World Youth Festival (date not given and not further identified). Money for this event was to be raised through concerts given by Joan Baez (not further identified) and Pete Seegar (locality not given) as well as donations from private contributors.

100-443127-9 encl.p.1  
(21)

The 2/27/65 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an advertisement for Camp Webatuck, at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York which listed Pete Seeger as a sponsor. [redacted] also advised that Seeger was a sponsor of this camp.

This serial indicated that Camp Webatuck was a camp for boys and girls which was controlled by the CP since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

100-43795-142 p.2,3  
(4)

[redacted] advised that Pete Seeger sang at a performance which was held in the Oriental Theater, 2330 N. Farwell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 3/5/65.

100-382253-26 p.1  
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SI 100-282641-49 p.2  
(5) (Add. info.)

[redacted] advised that a meeting of the monthly dance group, organized and administered by John Gilman, Wisconsin CP leader, was held on 2/6/65, at the home of Mrs. Zlata Buxton, 925 South Egan Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin. At this meeting the dance group discussed the coming appearance of the entertainer Pete Seeger, who was reported in the recent (date not given) Milwaukee press (not further identified) as either formerly or at present pro-Communist or Communist. Seeger was allegedly coming to Milwaukee on 3/5/65.

100-361550-72 p.3

(6)

"The New York Times," dated 3/25/65, contained an article captioned, "Stars Give Show For Rights March" by Donald Janson. This article stated that a show would be given, on 3/24/65, by a score of entertainers from the stage and screen, to entertain civil rights demonstrators who were on the five-day Freedom March\* from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The show would be held at St. Jude Roman Catholic parochial school and hospital near the city limits of Montgomery.

According to the article, Pete Seeger was among those who attended.

100-442529-973 p.95,96,210

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SI 100-442529-905 encl.p.4,7

(9) (Add. info.)

\*March, 1965

A march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, was held 3/21-25/65. Pete Seegar was one of the leaders of this march. (Source not given.)

44-28544-353 p.1

(20)

A highly sensitive source (not further identified), furnished an undated newsletter of the Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam. This newsletter was captioned, "Local and National Plans for April 17 March on Washington to End the War in Vietnam". The newsletter indicated that the March on Washington (62-110048) would be on 4/17/65. The newsletter also stated that folk singers Pete Seeger and Judy Collins planned to assist in the organization of the march. D.C.

62-110048-23 encl.p.1

(3)

The American Youth Festival Committee (100-443127) issued a press release, undated, entitled "Pete Seeger Urges Attendance at IX World Youth Festival." The press release (set out) described the festival which would be held in Algiers, July 28 - August 7 as the greatest and urged attendance. ( ) 4/19/65)

100-443127-44 p.2,3,15,16

(9)

The January, 1966 issue of "The New Student South," publication of the Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC), a fraternal group of Students For a Democratic Society (100-439048-28) contained an article entitled "Southern Folk Festival" by Ann Romaine. This article reflected that the SSOC was planning a traveling folk festival, from 4/1/65 to 4/23/65, in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. The article further reflected that it was hoped that Pete Seeger would be able to make appearances at the afternoon workshops as well as evening concerts.

100-439048-28-11 p.4

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Correlator's Note: There was no indication in main file that Seeger made this tour either in April, 1965 or April, 1966.

On 5/20/65, ( ) indicated that Frank A. Capell contacted one Bella\* (not further identified) in NYC. Capell discussed having information about the proceedings when Pete Seeger (locality not given) was cited for contempt (not further explained). Capell said that Harvey Matusow (not further identified) identified Seeger as a communist. Capell pointed out that Skousen (not further identified) knew Seeger and J. Edgar Hoover well.

On 5/20/65, ( ) advised that Capell received a call from Mr. Manuel (not further identified) in which he requested information on Seeger, which he wanted for a prominent woman. (No further details.)

( ) p.1,2

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\*Probably Bella Dodd

The May - June, 1965 issue, Volume 2, # 2, of "American Dialog" (100-354634), published bimonthly by Dialogue Publications, 853 Broadway, NYC, announced that Peter Seeger joined the "Board of Sponsors."

Add. info.

100-354634-206 p.2,4,5  
(17)

Clara Sullivan, wife of a coal miner, Kodak, Kentucky, advised that she received a letter along with a song from Bernard Gibson. Gibson, a leader of the unemployed coal miners in Eastern Kentucky, and the President of the Appalachian Committee for Full Employment, forwarded the above letter to Sullivan which was addressed to him from Marvinna Reynolds, 2027 Parker Street, Berkeley 4, California, dated 6/22/65. In this letter Reynolds stated that Pete Seeger and he wrote a song based on a letter from Sullivan published in an issue of the paper "Progressive Labor"\* sometime ago. Reynolds also stated that Seeger and he would like to make Sullivan a gift of part of the record royalties because she was the inspiration of the song, and also wanted to know how to get in touch with her. Letter set out.

100-437041-27-25 p.2,4  
(21)

\*A review of serial 28 indicated that "Progressive Labor" was a monthly magazine published by the Progressive Labor Party (100-437041-27).

John H. McCullah (not further identified) advised that Robert Dennis Crowley (100-443654) attended a public concert at the Portland auditorium Portland, Oregon on 7/10/65, at which Pete Seeger performed. This concert was under the sponsorship of Portland Friends of Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (not further identified).

100-443654-7 p.2  
(10)

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that an international conference entitled "Alternative Perspectives on Vietnam," was held at the University of Michigan, on 9/14-18/65. The Inter-University Committee for Debate on Foreign Policy (62-110039) was one of the organizations that sponsored the conference. Source also furnished names of individuals who were sponsors or supporters of this conference, which included Pete Seeger.

62-110039-190 encl.p.25

(3)

On 10/8/65, [redacted] furnished a letter which had been distributed by the Alexander Defense Committee (ADC) (100-443672), P.O. Box 345, Canal Street Station, NYC. This letter referred to Pete Seeger as one of the sponsors of ADC.

100-443672-5 encl.p.1,5,6

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SI 105-146911-232 encl.p.4

(14)

[redacted] advised that Leonid Aleksandrovich Gulev (105-101528) was in contact\* with Peter Seeger. The source disclosed that Gulev assisted Seeger in the translation of American songs to Russian in preparation for Seeger's tour of the Soviet Union. Gulev also apparently assisted Seeger in preparing a program for presentation on his tour. In this connection it was noted that Seeger said he would arrive in Moscow on 10/5/65 but would not sing until 10/23 or 24/65.

Add. info.

105-101528-116 p.3

(18)

\*90 Day Progress letter dated 10/20/65

*not a Marxist-oriented group*

The November-December, 1965, issue of "Insurgent", self described semi-monthly magazine of the W.E.B. Dubois Clubs of America (~~locality not given~~), contained an article entitled, "Sing It Like It Is: The Revolution in Pop Music" by Albert Lannon, Jr. This article praised the current popular music that was protest

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music-protest against the war in Vietnam, the draft, the oppression of Negroes, etc. Singled out for special praise were such singers as Pete Seeger. [redacted]

This serial indicated that the W.E.B. Dubois Clubs of America was a (national Marxist-oriented youth organization.)

(100-411307-43 p.3)  
(7)

The # 2/1966 issue of "Perspectives", publication of the World Council of Peace (100-361031), published at Mollwaldplatz 5, Vienna, Austria, and received at Bern, Switzerland carried an article entitled "They sing against war and the world sings with them." This article contained excerpts from songs by Pete Seeger (locality not given).

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Publication enclosed  
100-361031-1004 p.1; encl.p.20,21  
(6)

Former [redacted] advised on 9/12/55, that he was a student at Columbia University and was familiar with folk music groups who performed there. In this capacity, he stated he had been closely associated with Peter Seeger of Cold Spring Road, Beacon, NY. [redacted]

[redacted] He said this group performed at folk music concerts at various places in NYC and at various camps, such as Camp Kinderland. He said that the songs they sang were political in nature and followed the line of the extreme left.

When recontacted on 3/21/66, former [redacted] furnished substantially the same information as in the previous interview; however he recalled that Kenneth Michael Nelson, freshman at Columbia University, often attended Seeger's concerts but that Nelson did not associate with Seeger to the extent that [redacted] did.

This serial indicated that Camp Kinderland, Hopewell Junction, NY, under the Communist management, was a children's camp owned and operated since 1951 by Camp Lakeland, Incorporated.

Add. info.

140-32309-2 p.3,4,6,7  
(14,18)

On 4/12/66, [ ] and [ ] advised that Pete Seeger gave a concert (date not given), at San Carlos Academy, Mexico City. *Mexico*

Both informants described Seeger as a "progressive or leftist artist whose concerts were sponsored by numerous progressive organizations in the United States.

100-338889-197 p.3

(5)

[ ] (protect identity), advised on 5/7/66, that a leaflet was being distributed on various college campuses in the Washington, D.C., area. This leaflet was entitled "Join the Voters March on Washington, Sunday, May 15, for Peace in Vietnam". This leaflet reflected that "Pete Seeger, America's most famous folk singer" was listed as a "last minute attraction.

100-445578-39 encl.p.1

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[ ] advised that the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (157-370-24), held an open rally at Jefferson Davis Park, Memphis, Tennessee, on 5/28/66. This source advised that Raymond R. Anderson, the Grand Dragon for the State of Tennessee, speaker at this rally, was critical of Nashville Mayor, Beverly Briley, and the Metro School System. Anderson pointed out that Briley had recommended that the first grade students purchase folk songs by Peter Seegers (locality not given), a known Communist.

157-370-24-157 encl.p.2

(19)

The following references in the file captioned "Jose Antonio Gonzalez-Gonzalez" concerns items in the possession of Gonzalez which made reference to Pete Seeger, Beacon, NY from 1/4/65\* to 6/5/66. Gonzalez had written songs which had been forwarded to Seeger. The purpose of these transactions were not indicated.

REFERENCE

105-83473-323 p.2,4,5,6  
-391 p.11

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

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(13)

\*Probably 1/4/66

[ ] advised that the Peace Action Council of Los Angeles (PAC) was attempting to obtain several individuals, including Pete Seeger as peace speakers for the proposed rally at the Federal Building, on 8/6/66, at Los Angeles.

This serial indicated that PAC was a coalition of peace and political groups in Los Angeles which were against the United States policy in Vietnam.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-445949-62 encl.p.3  
(10)

[ ] furnished a list of material received by Dennis Robert Ciesielski (100-446269) through the US mail. Included were notes from the 9/22/66 meeting of the Milwaukee Peace Coordinating Committee which dealt with, among other things, the outline for a program for November International Days of Protest of which Pete Seeger would be a possible speaker for November 5-8.

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

100-446269-8 encl.p.3  
(10)

According to [ ] and [ ] Pete Seeger was a well known "progressive" American folk singer who gave concerts both in the United States and abroad, and who was supported by members of communist and "progressive" organizations.

This information was submitted by Mexico report dated 11/29/66.

Add. info.

100-422317-132 p.4  
(7)

On 12/15/66, Donald Reuben Lindquist (100-70859) attended a Students for a Democratic Society Connections meeting at Norton Union, State University of New York at Buffalo.

During this meeting, it was noted that Lindquist apparently was on the committee to bring Pete Seeger to the University for a spring benefit conference (date not given); however, Lindquist presented a letter (date not given) from Seeger which said that he would not be able to make it.

Add. info. according to the "New York Herald Tribune," dated 4/5/61.

The "University Daily Kansan", which was the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, student newspaper, dated 1/5/67, contained an article entitled "Peace Groups to Join March on Penitentiary." This article mentioned that Pete Seeger (locality not given) was one of the sponsors of the Fort Hood Three Defense Committee, a group organized after the three men's trial to sponsor legal appeals and publicize their plight.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

100-446189-9 encl.p.6  
(10)

[redacted] (protect identity) made available a copy of the "Regional Newsletter" for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, and Michigan, published by the Dayton Area Coordinating Committee (100-444747), 221 Xenia Avenue, Yellow Springs, Ohio, dated 1/27/67, Number 20. This publication noted that "Songs for Peace" was compiled and edited by SPU (not further identified), with a foreword by Pete Seeger, had recently been published by Oak, 165 W. 46 Street, NYC, and copies would soon be available from local producer, 325 W.S. Coll Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Copy of "Regional newsletter" enclosed  
100-444747-16 encl.p.4  
(10)

Norman Mack, a reporter for the "Patent Trader" newspaper, Huntington Road, RFD # 1, Yorktown Heights, NY, advised that he had been in receipt of several anonymous phone calls recently (date not given). Mack stated that the above phone calls might have had some relationship to the fact that he had written articles in reference to folk singer Pete Seeger and his future scheduled appearance (date not given) at the Yorktown, NY High School.

This information was submitted by NY airtel dated 1/27/67.

9-0-12159 p.1  
(3)

Marriner R. Jensen, Alton, Idaho, who represented the Sierra Life Insurance Company and operated a large cattle ranch between the Wyoming border and Montpelier, Idaho, on 2/7/67 stated that he heard a lecture by a minister (not further identified) in Salt Lake City, Utah, several years prior to that time during which time the minister indicated that Pete Seeger, the folksinger was either a

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communist or a fellow traveler. Jensen had heard some of Seegar's recordings and agreed with the minister.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

62-0-69764- p.2,3  
(20)

[redacted] made available a 20-page booklet commemorating Edward K. Barsky's (100-447413) dinner held on 2/24/67, at the Hotel Americana, NYC. This booklet listed a "Committee of Sponsors" for the Barsky dinner which included Pete Seeger.

Add. info.

100-447413-2 p.13,17  
(10)

The "Daily Collegian," publication of the students of Pennsylvania State University (date not given), contained an article entitled "SDS Invites Six Speakers; Teach-In Planned April 8-9." This article stated that Pete Seeger would be contacted to appear at the teach-in, on April 8-9 (year not given), at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. This teach-in would be sponsored by the University chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (100-439048-37).

This information was submitted by Philadelphia letter dated 3/15/67.

100-439048-37-53 p.2  
(8)

[redacted] (protect identity), stated that he participated in a public discussion of "topical songs" with several individuals, including Pete Seeger, at the 1966 Berkeley Folk Festival (not further identified).

62-0-70106 p.1  
(3)

The March-April, 1967, issue of "The German American" (100-279704), set forth an article in English entitled "Peace Medal for Pete Seeger." This article disclosed that Seeger was awarded the peace medal in Berlin (date not given) by Hans-Peter Minetti, Presidium member of the German Democratic Republic (not further identified).

100-279704-420 p.18  
(5)

The following references set out meetings or affairs of the organization listed below at which Pete Seeger, renowned folk singer, appeared or was scheduled to appear as an entertainer.

DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
American Youth Festival Committee			
6/1/65	NYC	100-443127-62 p.9 (scheduled to appear)	(9)
Brooklyn Freedom Democratic Movement			
6/26/65	Brooklyn, NY	105-142054-4 p.14,15	(13)
Committee For International Peace Action			
5/7/63	San Francisco	100-441413-2 p.1,2 -4 p.8,9,10,12,13	(8) (8)
Committee To Free Morton Sobell			
6/17/66	NYC	100-387835-3147 encl.p.4,6 -3150 p.26,27*	(7) (7)
Congress of Racial Equality			
8/8/64	Middlefield, Conn Connecticut	100-356640-85 encl.p.1,2 (Benefit Concert) (Scheduled to appear)	(6)
Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee			
4/5/68	NYC	157-6-34-2509 encl.p.3,4 -2488 p.3	(15) (14)

\*Add. info.

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DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Fort Hood Three Defense Committee			
10/9/66	NYC	100-446189-7 p.60,61	(10)✓
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People			
8/8/64	Middlefield, Connecticut	100-356640-85 encl.p.1,2 (Benefit Concert) (Scheduled to appear)	(6)✓
Portland Friends of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee			
7/10/65	Portland, Oregon	100-439190-40-3 p.2 (Benefit Concert) -3X p.4,5 (Benefit Concert)	(8)✓ (8)✓
Southern Student Organizing Committee			
4/1-28/67	Lexington, Ky. Sewanee, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn.	100-442367-130 p.29	(9)✓
4/10/67	Lexington, Ky.	100-439048-27-27 p.2	(8)✓
4/12/67	Memphis, Tenn.	100-447487-3 p.25 (Scheduled to appear)	(11)✓
Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam			
4/5/67	Ithaca, NY	62-111181-290 encl.p.1 (Benefit Concert) -403 encl.p.2 (Scheduled to appear)	(3)✓ (3)✓
4/15/67	NYC	62-111181-818 encl.p.5,37,39,62	(2)✓
Student Non-Violent Co-Ordinating Committee			
8/8/64	Middlefield, Connecticut	100-356640-85 encl.p.1,2 (Benefit Concert) (Scheduled to appear)	(6)✓
Students for a Democratic Society (continued)			
4/10/67	Lexington, Kentucky	100-439048-27-26 encl.p.1,2 -27 p.2	(7)✓ (8)✓

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that at the annual Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) (100-442367) conference, at Buckeye Cove, North Carolina, on 5/5-7/67, Sam Shirah stated that Bo Lozoff, member of SSOC, said that Pete Seeger, renowned Communist folk singer, had phoned him (date and locality not given) offering to give free concerts to help raise money for the Southern Labor Action Committee (SLAM).

This serial indicated that SLAM was a new radical movement.

100-442367-79 encl.p.26

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Material extracted from [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity) included a communication directed to Victor Grossman, (100-359527), 102 Berlin, Karl Marx Allee 49, GDR (E. Germany), dated 6/19/67, from Peter Seeger, Box 431, Beacon, NY. In this letter Seeger acknowledged Grossman's letter and cautioned him that the most important thing for him to do was to get well and stay well. Seeger furnished John Hammond's address at Columbia as 51 West 52 Street, NYC, and stated he would drop Hammond a note telling Hammond that he could expect to hear from Grossman.

Letter enclosed

100-359527-117 p.1,2; encl.p.1

(6,17)

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The following references on Pete Seeger, folk singer, who was prominent in the field of recordings, radio and television, appear in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Radio-Television Industry". These references pertain to the activities of Seeger in the NYC and Los Angeles areas during the period of 4/30/63 to 9/13/67. Seeger was banned by ABC-TV from appearing on a show in 1963 because of alleged CP activities. He directed an affair on behalf of "American Dialogue", CP publication, and helped raise \$500 for the publication. He was scheduled to make a concert tour\* of Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe in June, 1963 at which time he would tape and film a documentary report on folk music. In one of his recordings he was critical of the FBI.

\*According to main file he made the above tour.

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## REFERENCE

100-340922-490 p.4,6,8,8A,25 (Criticized FBI)  
-492 p.18,19,36  
-495 p.5,6,24,26,31  
-496 p.18,19,20,32  
-500 p.21  
-501 p.12,13,23,25  
-503 p.4,8,9,28,29,30  
-505 p.8,9,10,23,29  
-507 p.12,13  
-509 p.1,4,7,21  
-510 p.B,19,20  
-A "The Evening Star" (Washington)  
4/5/67

## REFERENCE

105-138315-1667 encl.p.8  
-3274 p.400, 1092  
-3587 p.25  
-4490 p.1  
-4890 encl.p.2,3  
-5252 encl.p.2,6A  
-8692 p.151,284  
-9008 encl.p.3

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In a letter dated 3/13/68, Gerald A. Tomczak, 8606 Phillips Avenue, Chicago, stated that Pete Seeger and Joan Baez (not further identified) were favorably mentioned in his son's (not further identified) religion books. Tomczak also enclosed literature which he had received from Concerned Catholic Parishioners, Chicago, captioned "Eighth Grade Catechism Promotes Revolution". This literature pertained to an eighth grade book of the new Catholic "Word and Worship" series that pushed the communist program, favored radical ecumenism, and endorsed civil disobedience.

Tomczak requested the Director's opinion on material he enclosed.

By letter dated 3/21/68, the jurisdiction of the FBI was explained to Tomczak and material on the general topic of communism was also sent.

Literature enclosed  
61-7558-1153 p.1; encl.p.2  
(3)

The Chicago "Sun-Times", dated 3/26/68, contained an article captioned, "On the Old Camp Ground - Ask Permit For Yippies To Tent-In At Grand Park", by Basil Talbott, Jr. According to the article, Judy Collins, a folk singer, announced Chicago plans of the Yippies the previous week at a press conference in NY. She said that the Yippies were summoning young people to Chicago (date not given) for a "testimonial of life" by providing free, groovy, entertainment. According to the Yippies, Pete Seeger was among the entertainers committed to come to Chicago.

157-8589-41 p.1; encl.p.2,3,4  
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This reference is a letter, dated 4/8/68, to the Bureau from Glenn Raley, 16705 Hilliard Road, Lakewood, Ohio, in which he furnished names of individuals, including Pete Seeger (locality not given) whom he said were communists. He also said these individuals "had been observed under oath, and that he had evidence."

62-112296-2  
(3)

The following references on Pete Seeger located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, were reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
64-330-267-660	(16)
100-129861-538	(4)
105-67845-6161	(11)
-12149	(11)
-12215	(11)
-14008	(11)
-14496	(11)
-14667	(11)
-15148	(11)
-15697	(11)
-16824	(12, 19)
-16960	(12)
-17184	(12)
-17614	(12, 17)
-17950	(17)
-18044	(12)
-18079	(12, 17)
-18122 p.1	(12, 17)
-18397	(12)
-18547	(12)
-19634	(12, 17)
-21697 encl.p.12	(12, 17)
105-115728-60 encl.p.11	(13)

The following reference on Pete Seeger has been reviewed and is identical with the subject; however, the information was received from a highly sensitive source and is not being included:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
105-158653-1 p.3,5	(14, 18)

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references were not available during the time this summary was being prepared:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-445578-116	(10)✓

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 2, 1968

FBI LIAISON:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

RE:

Peter SEEGER

BORN: May 3, 1919

PLACE: New York

RESIDENCE:

Dutchess Junction  
Beacon, New York

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

100-200845

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

100-23658

PASSPORT NUMBER:

J736031 issued June 10,  
1968 at New York

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

New York

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

June 23, 1968

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

2 weeks

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Sweden

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

100-200845-  
Sing for World Council of Churches

NOT RECORDED

12 JUL 12 1968

PASSPORT OFFICE

Robert D. Johnson

Copy to Rec to New York  
by routing slip for

☒ info ☐ action

date 7-11-68

by W.H.F./j

57 JUL 22 1968

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>MAY 31 1968</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/6/68 - 5/21/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>PETER SEEGER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>LYNN E. MC CREDY</b>	TYPED BY <b>mm1</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	

## REFERENCES:

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APPROVED

COPIES MADE:

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

- 5 - Bureau (100-200845) (RM)  
 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)  
 3 - New York (100-83801)

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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	How Fwd.	By	CC TO: OS I - 4	REQ. REC'D	ANS.	BY: RJS AEE
NY	(#3)	5/14/68				7/18/68		
NW: 12819					JUL 25 1969			

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

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File Where Located

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: LYNN E. MC CREDY  
Date: MAY 31 1968 Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 100-83801 Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. Informants advised subject entertained at memorial for MIKE GOLD and testimonial for JESUS COLON.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

On May 17, 1968, NY T-1 advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo player and folk singer. NY T-1 added that subject's mailing address is Post Office Box 431, Beacon, New York.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)  
MOVEMENT

On June 23, 1967, NY T-2 advised that a memorial meeting in remembrance of MICHAEL GOLD was held on June 16, 1967, at the Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City. NY T-2 stated that although this affair was labeled a memorial meeting, the occasion was in fact a fund raising meeting for the CP and \$5.00 was requested of all present to defray expenses. NY T-2 stated that the subject entertained at this meeting.

Regarding MICHAEL GOLD, ISAAC GRANICH used the pen name of MIKE GOLD. NY T-13 advised in November, 1955, that ISAAC GRANICH had been a member of the CP, United States of America (USA), since it was founded in this country.

He was employed as a columnist by the "Daily Worker" from 1933 to 1947. He is now deceased.

On June 22, 1967, NY T-3 also advised that the subject provided entertainment at the memorial meeting for MIKE GOLD which was held on June 16, 1967.

On June 20, 1967, NY T-4 also advised subject entertained at the memorial meeting for MIKE GOLD held on June 16, 1967.

On January 25, 1968, NY T-5 advised that a meeting of the National Coordinating Committee was held on January 20 and January 21, 1968, at the National Office of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, 34 West 17th Street, New York City. NY T-5 stated that it was mentioned at this meeting that the subject had offered to perform for the DuBois Club fund drive.

The W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America will be referred to in the Appendix attached hereto.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

On April 26, 1967, NY T-6 advised that a Protest March and Rally was held in New York City on April 15, 1967.

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NY T-6 stated that the march proceeded from West 59th Street and Central Park West down 6th Avenue to the United Nations (UN) Building. NY T-6 advised that the subject participated in this march and was on a truck teaching children protest songs.

"The New York Times," issue of September 13, 1967, carried an article which stated that the subject appeared on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" which was carried nationally on the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) Television Network on the evening of September 10, 1967. The article further stated that SEEGER accused the CBS of censoring one of his songs.

"The New York Daily News," issue of February 27, 1968, carried an article which stated that the subject appeared on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" on February 25, 1968.

On January 14, 1968, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) obtained a leaflet advertising an "Emergency Rally" to support Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK, WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN, JR., MITCHELL GOODMAN, MARCUS RASKIN and MICHAEL FERBER, at 8:00 P.M. on January 29, 1968, at the Manhattan Center, 8th Avenue and 34th Street, New York City. The leaflet stated that the above five individuals were to be arraigned in Boston on that date because of their "forthright statements against the immorality of the draft and the Vietnam War."

Special Agents (SAs) of the FBI observed this rally on January 29, 1968, and observed the subject entertained those in attendance with several songs.

On January 31, 1968, NY T-7 and on February 5, 1968, NY T-8 also advised that a rally in support of Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK was held at the Manhattan Center, New York City, on January 29, 1968. NY T-7 and NY T-8 stated that the subject entertained at this rally.

On February 27, 1968, NY T-9 advised that the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS was celebrated at Carnegie Hall, West 57th Street, New York City, on February 23, 1968. NY T-9 stated that the subject entertained at this affair.

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On February 26, 1968, NY T-10 and on February 28, 1968, NY T-4 also advised subject entertained at the above described affair.

Regarding Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, "The Worker" of November 26, 1961, page one, announced that W.E.B. DU BOIS had joined the CP. He is now deceased.

On March 11, 1968, NY T-11 advised that the subject gave a concert, including songs of peace and freedom, which was held on March 11, 1968, at the Thirty Auditorium of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Texas. NY T-11 stated that the concert was sponsored by the San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam.

On March 15, 1968, NY T-10 made available a copy of a letter entitled "Testimonial Committee to Honor Jesus Colon." The letter stated that a testimonial dance and cultural evening would be held on April 5, 1968, at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 53 West 73rd Street, New York City, to honor JESUS COLON, described as a columnist and a feature writer for "The Worker." The article stated that the subject would entertain at this affair.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

On April 8, 1968, NY T-10 advised that the subject entertained at a testimonial held in honor of JESUS COLON which was held on April 5, 1968, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City.

On April 5, 1968, SAs of the FBI observed a memorial rally for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING which was held at the Central Park Mall, 72nd Street, New York City, on this date. The subject was observed at this rally and he sang several songs.

On April 16, 1968, NY T-12 advised that the subject entertained at a memorial service held for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING which was held at the Central Park Mall, New York City, on April 5, 1968.

Other informants, familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted

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in May, 1968, and shown a photograph of the subject but none could provide any additional information concerning the subject.

APPENDIXW.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, GUS HALL, CPUSA, General Secretary, indicated that the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, near the conclusion of the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth confidential source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.





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Director

United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 31, 1968

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Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)  
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Reference is made to the report  
of Special Agent Lynn E. McCredy, dated and captioned as  
above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>MAY 31 1968</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/6/68 - 5/21/68</b>
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SCA - Mr. Nathan Lewin

ARA/CCA - George W. F. Clift

Request for Cuba Travel Validation: Peter Seeger

REF: Your note of February 29, 1968 and attachments

Mr. Seeger has requested, through his attorneys, validation for travel to Cuba for about two weeks beginning on or about April 6, 1968.

CCA is of the opinion that Mr. Seeger does not qualify for an exception to the general restrictions on travel to Cuba. He certainly does not qualify as a professional reporter.

ARA/CCA believes that Mr. Seeger's presence in Cuba is definitely contrary to the U. S. National interest. We recommend that his application for travel to Cuba be denied.

March 4, 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/7/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
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(OO:NY)

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ReNYairtel 12/15/67 and MMairtel 12/29/67, captioned, "CULTURAL CONGRESS, HAVANA, CUBA, 1/4-11/68, IS - CU" and WFOlet 12/5/66, captioned as above.

Enclosed are six copies for the Bureau and two for New York of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

The LHM is classified "Secret - No Foreign Dissemination" in view of the sensitive nature of [redacted]

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Files of the Passport Office were reviewed by SA GERALD T. GRIMALDI.

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Due to the coincidental nature of the information furnished by the sources, the subject's passport file was checked to determine if he had applied for validation to travel to Cuba. Lacking evidence that the subject had applied for or had traveled to Cuba, WFO contemplates no further

- ③-Bureau (Encs. 6) *ENCLOSURE*  
(1-105-172124) (CULTURAL CONGRESS, HAVANA, CUBA)  
2-New York (100-83801) (Encs. 2) (RM)  
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WFO 100-23658

investigation in this matter.

JOSE IGLESIAS appears to be identical with subject  
of Bufile 100-405655, WFOfile 100-45328.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington, D.C.  
February 17, 1968

PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CU

WF T-1 advised the Cultural Congress of Havana was scheduled for January 4-11, 1968, at Havana, Cuba. It was held at the Havana Libre Hotel, Havana, Cuba, under the auspices of the National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (UNEAC), the Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples' Solidarity Organization (AALAPSO) and the Cuban Preparatory Committee.

The purpose of the Cultural Congress of Havana was to obtain unity of action in the anti-imperialist fight and in defense of the cultural nucleus of each country. *NY*

On December 14, 1967, WF T-2 advised one Jose *NY*  
Iglesias, not further identified, contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] to discuss his trip to Cuba. Included in this list was one Pete Seeger, (phonetic), Sing Out Folk Magazine, 701 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

As previously reported on December 5, 1966, the subject was in possession of passport number D 453486, issued June 17, 1963 and renewed in October, 1966.

As of January 19, 1968, his passport file contained no request for validation for travel to Cuba or evidence that he did so, travel.

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## Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 )

DATE: 12/29/67

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn ( 100-1111 ) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C  
(OO: New York)

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonn letter to Bureau dated 5/26/67.

Dated

Recd.

Addressee

Addressor

12/8/67

12/18/67

VICTOR GROSSMAN

102 Berlin  
Karl Marx Allee 49  
DDR, Germany

(TOSHI)

SEEGER

Suite 1304

200 West 57th Street  
New York

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This letter is apparently written by subject's wife. It would appear that addressee had inquired of HAROLD LEVENTHAL concerning an American to perform in East Germany. This may be intended in connection with one of subject's tours in that area. Subject's wife is recommending LEON BIBB or BERNICE REAGON, leaning toward REAGON as her choice. The writer is apparently comparing these two to the ROBESONS. She describes BERNICE as politically naive; i.e., unacquainted with the "Daily Worker," communism, and so on, and feels that East Germany would be a great education for her. ~~ⓧ~~

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~~✓~~ ~~MRT MRS~~  
She was married to CORDELL REAGON, an SNCC leader. ~~ⓧ~~

Subject himself was in Japan, where he was hospitalized for two weeks. As of the date of the writer's letter, subject was making an appearance in Denver and taking some time off to ski. ~~ⓧ~~

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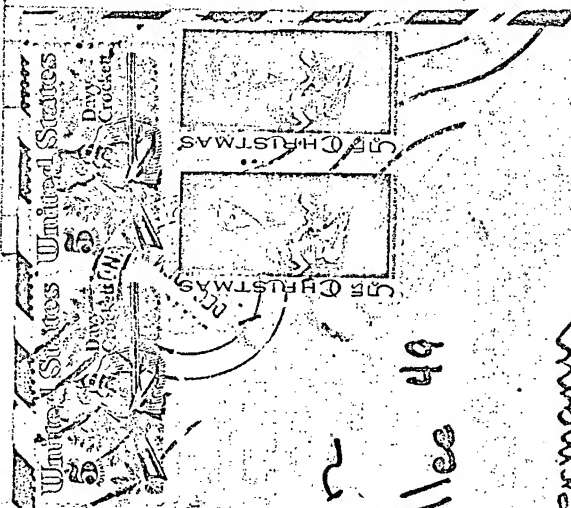
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Victor,

Wish I were home with a typewriter but am sitting at a VW service station waiting 3 hours for repairs - So brought with me all the mail that has piled up over the last months -

Peter was in Japan - got hospitalized for 2 weeks and I proceeded to have premonia but with Tina, dog, cat had to get well on my own - lack of energy = lack of desk work!

With the "spa" bit & that "vacation" bit you make me jealous. In the States we may have 2 cars to every family - but vacations are nil - I was smart though & booked Peter in Denver - So he got in a few days skiing - that's where he is now -

Harold Leventhal phoned me re your cable - (to check on who/what) Leon Bibb & Bernice Reagon were both whom I was going to suggest -

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heon is older - knows the score but 2 is personally cautious (at least in the past). Bernice is young, powerful, from & reared in the deep south. has the potential of maturing into an Essie- (but without the advantages of a good education/background) but is politically naive (sp.?) Daily worker, Communist - etc are not part of her American education - I think that DOR would be a great education for her -

I would steer clear of performers that seem to have a 'star' complex - & can be very difficult to work with - (not learn)

Another reason Bernice would be good is that with a man - there would inevitable be the comparison to Paul - B.R. has Paul's type of powerful voice - personality (for a young person) shyness - and love of people - I am air-

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mailing you an LP - not best 3  
quality but about all there is.  
She was married to Cordell Reagan  
(SNCC leader) has 2 small children  
(one named Toshi - the other Kwan)  
And is the one person I want  
Peter to tour with next time we  
go to Europe - especially Eastern.  
Sending L.P. "Deep Muddy"

too - share with Perry, please.

Much love to the whole  
family - Just think, a year  
ago we were spending New Years  
watching the fireworks of East  
Berlin from West Berlin -

also be on the look-out for  
a book (by sea) -

Toshi -  
Happy Holidays -

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AMERICAN PACIFIST NOTED IN JAPAN POSSIBLY TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA

MRS. PETER SEEGER

FR: New York: Toshi SEEGER<sup>a</sup>

9 Oct 67 1243

TO: Melbourne: York House Basement, 294 Little  
Collins St., Peter MANN<sup>b</sup>

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Arrange to have 16 MM, good quality sound movie projector for  
Peter's<sup>c</sup> concerts. Letter follows.<sup>d</sup>

a. Not identified.

b. Listed at this address in Melbourne are recording studios.

c. Peter SEEGER, editor and part owner of Singout magazine which regularly  
prints articles and songs of the pacifist movement. On 22 Sep 67, SEEGER,  
New York, informed GEINTOH, Tokyo, not identified, that he needed time to pre-  
pare the program with the interpreter for either an interview for TV or  
the press.

d. On 3 Oct 67, Toshi SEEGER, New York, informed Ryuichi MORIOKA, not iden-  
tified, GEINTOH, Tokyo, to advise Pete SEEGER to trace the film at  
Screen Gene, Japan International Enterprises, telephone 4311384.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : *legm*  
*may* SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (-C-)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

DATE: 9/4/67

Re letter from Deputy Director for Plans to Bureau dated 7/24/67.

*W* On 8/22/67, NATALIE ERACA, Eraca's Tavern, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, advised that the subject resides only several miles from her residence and she recalled having seen SEEGER several times during the summer months. She stated that if SEEGER does leave the area for any extended period of time, there is usually some reference to it in the local newspaper. She could not recall having heard anything from the residents in this area who know subject that he had gone on a concert tour nor did she read anything about it in the local newspaper.

On 8/28/67, Mrs. ERACA advised that she had seen the subject and his wife, TOSHI, on the previous day in Beacon, NY.

On 8/31/67, MAURICE KEATING, Postmaster, Beacon, NY, advised that SEEGER leaves a forwarding address, c/o his agent in NYC, whenever he takes an extended trip away from this area. He stated that the subject did not leave any removal notice with the post office this past summer.

It is noted that SEEGER resides in a remote area some distance from the highway in a very sparsely settled area.

"The New York Times", issue of 8/25/67, page 72, column 1, carried an article which stated that SEEGER was scheduled to appear on 9/10/67, on the Columbia Broadcasting System network after having been blacklisted by major network commercial television for 17 years.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)  
MARTIN YARUS aka  
SM-C  
(OO: New York)

AUSA SILVIO J. MOLLO, SDNY, advised on 3/24/61,  
that the trial of the cases US vs. MARTIN YARUS,  
US. vs. PETER SEEGER and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN  
will start Monday, 3/27/61.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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7-Bureau (100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS) (RM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN YARUS aka  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

Re NY airtel dated 3/25/61, captioned as above.

AUSA IRVING YOUNGER, SDNY, advised on 3/27/61 that the selection of jurors for the case of the US vs. PETER SEEGER, Contempt of Congress, would begin this AM.

YOUNGER further advised MARTIN YARUS is in Japan with the permission of the USDC, SDNY, for the purpose of employment, and the trials of US vs. MARTIN YARUS and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN would not be held for at least six weeks.

YOUNGER stated he expected YARUS and SULLIVAN to plead guilty if SEEGER is found guilty.

The NYO will prepare letterhead memorandum concerning travel by YARUS to Japan and keep the Bureau advised of developments in trial of SEEGER.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS aka  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 8/30/60.

On 11/3/60, AUSA IRVING YOUNGER, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that captioned case, previously assigned to AUSA MARVIN SEGAL, who is no longer with the Department, is now assigned to him for prosecution for Contempt of Congress. The case of US vs. PETER SEEGER was also assigned to Mr. YOUNGER, in addition to US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

Mr. YOUNGER advised at the last hearings of these cases, the USDC, SDNY, resolved the defendants were entitled to have Congressman WALTERS and H.C.U.A. Counsel FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR. subpoenaed for testimony.

Postponements have been obtained for subsequent hearings because of the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS due to activity concerning current election and Mr. TAVENNER due to a heart attack he had suffered.

Mr. YOUNGER stated it has now been determined that Mr. TAVENNER has sufficiently recovered to the extent that his testimony may be received. Mr. YOUNGER advised a date for the next hearing of the three cases has been set for 11/28/60; however, he understands that Congressman WALTERS will be in Europe at that time and will probably return to the US about 3/1/61.

Mr. YOUNGER also advised YARUS, SULLIVAN and SEEGER are free on bail bond and SULLIVAN and SEEGER are restricted, insofar as travel is concerned, to the area within the jurisdiction of the USDC, SDNY.

- 6 - Bureau (100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS) (RM)  
✓ (2 - 100-200804) (PETER SEEGER)  
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Mr. YOUNGER stated YARUS has been granted permission to travel to Europe until Nov. 15, 1960, for reasons of employment.

Mr. YOUNGER further advised the subject's attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN, has indicated the subject's services on the film may be required until Dec., 1960, and he intends to ask for an extension of a travel grant, which, Mr. YOUNGER advises, will probably be granted, due to the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS in Nov., 1960.

Mr. YOUNGER made available a letter which Mr. BOUDIN allegedly received from the subject and made available to Mr. YOUNGER voluntarily, thereby waiving any immunity due to the attorney-client relationship.

In the above mentioned letter, the subject stated he has been offered additional employment in Paris by MARTIN RITT, a director of movie, "Paris-Blues", at Studio de Boulogne for a period of four weeks with a possible extension of four additional weeks, Nov. 15, 1960 - Jan. 1, 1961, as a dialogue coach and actor.

The above letter further revealed the subject has been virtually unemployed since 1951, was currently in debt \$2,000.00 and has been employed at his current job for approximately two months.

In compliance with Bureau instructions, this case is being retained in a pending status in order that Bureau may be kept advised of all pertinent activity concerning the subject's prosecution.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

8/30/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS aka  
SM - C  
(OO: New York)

ReNYlet to Director dated 6/29/60, captioned as  
above.

On 8/25/60, AUSA MARVIN SEGAL advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER the cases of US vs. MARTIN YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN had been called for a hearing before US District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS, SDNY, in June, 1960, continued to July, 1960.

Mr. SEGAL advised at the July hearing a tentative date for trial was set for November 28, 1960, due to the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS for testimony until after the national elections.

Mr. SEGAL further advised the court is considering allowing the taking of testimony of Mr. FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR., HCUA Counsel by deposition; however, this can not be decided until Mr. TAVENNER is afforded a physical examination to determine if he has sufficiently recovered from his heart attack to allow the depositions.

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- 6 - Bureau (100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS) (RM)  
2 - 100-20084 (PETER SEEGER)  
2 - 100-241970 (ELLIOT SULLIVAN)  
1 - New York (100-83804) (PETER SEEGER) (414)  
1 - New York (100-107274) (ELLIOT SULLIVAN) (424)  
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Mr. SEGAL also advised motions have been made by the defendants for the production of documents from the HCUA to which he has filed motions to set aside the subpoena duces tecum.

According to Mr. SEGAL, at the hearing on 11/28/60, the trial date will probably be set and the defendants will be tried individually in the order of US vs. SEEGER, US vs. SULLIVAN, and US vs. TYNE (YARUS).

Inasmuch as it appears the trial for captioned subject is still several months from its fruition, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status by the NYO.



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

4/5/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka.  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Director, dated 1/27/60, captioned "PETER SEEGER aka; SM-C".

On 3/31/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US Vs. MARTIN YARUS, US Vs. PETER SEEGER and US Vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN were called to trial on 3/21/60.

At that time, new motions were filed by the counsel for the defense and the district judge has not as yet ruled on the motions.

AUSA MC GAULEY further advised the defendants had requested the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the House of Representatives to obtain the records and at the present time the prosecution is preparing to ask that the subpoenas be quashed.

AUSA MC GAULEY further advised the cases have been reset for trial in May, 1960, and exact date has not been determined.

The NYO will continue to follow this matter in compliance with Bureau instructions and keep the Bureau advised of the proceedings.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka.  
SM-C  
(OO: NY)

Re NY letter to Director, dated 4/5/60, captioned as above.

On 6/6/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US vs. MARTIN CYARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN were called to trial on 6/6/60, and by consent of defendants and the prosecution the cases were adjourned to 6/30/60.

Mr. MC GAULEY advised the court had ruled that Mr. FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR., Counsellor for HCUA, would have to answer a subpoena to testify for the defendants and at the present time, Mr. TAVENNER had not recovered from a heart attack and was physically unable to attend the hearing.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised the court had ruled the defendants would not be called to trial until Mr. TAVENNER was able to appear.

The NYO will continue to follow this matter in compliance with Bureau instructions and keep the Bureau advised of the proceedings.

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*was* ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 10/30/59, captioned "MARTIN YARUS aka; SM-C".

On 12/11/59, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US vs MARTIN YARUS, US vs PETER SEEGER and US vs ELLIOT SULLIVAN, have not as yet been called to trial. No specific date for hearing has been set, and Mr. MC GAULEY expects the cases to be called to trial in January, 1960.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised there has been no change since the information he furnished on 10/21/59, as reported in Relet.

NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised in accordance with the existing instructions.

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- ⑥ - Bureau (100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS) (RM)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

10/30/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka.

SM - C  
(OO: NY)

Re NY letter to Bureau, dated 8/7/59,  
captioned, "MARTIN YARUS, aka.; SM - C; (OO: NY)".

On 10/21/59, SA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY  
advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of  
US vs. MARTIN YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US  
vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN, ~~have been~~ called to trial on  
10/15/59, at which time a Bill of Particulars had  
been furnished to the attorneys for MARTIN YARUS  
and ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

Mr. MC GAULEY advised that the Bill of  
Particulars had not been served to the attorney  
of PETER SEEGER.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised that MARTIN  
YARUS ~~was now~~ represented by HOWARD B. BOUDIN, 25  
Broad Street, NYC.

According to Mr. MC GAULEY, the attorney  
for PETER SEEGER, on 10/15/59, asked for a recess for  
the trial, however, the recess was not allowed, but  
a substitute date for hearing was set at 10/26/59.

Mr. MC GAULEY stated the case now appears  
on the court calendar for 10/26/59, however, it would  
not necessarily go to trial on that date, but would  
possibly go to trial within the next 30 days.

The NYO will continue to follow this  
matter in compliance with Bureau instructions, and  
keep the Bureau advised of the proceedings.

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(2-100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS)  
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During the course of the past RCI Program, the routine RCI investigation was conducted with regard to the captioned subject. In addition to verification of residence and employment, the following informants who are familiar with various phases of CP and CP front activity in the NYC area, were contacted, and these informants were unable to furnish any information identifiable with the subject:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Contacting Special Agent</u>
	10/15/59	DAVID RYAN
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	10/13/59	JAMES P. HALLERON
	10/15/59	JAMES P. HALLERON
	10/14/59	LEROY W. SHEETS
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Source



Date of Contact

Contacting Special Agent

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SM-C</b>	

REFERENCES:

New York report of SA JOHN LEE GILL dated 6/13/66.  
 Legat, Mexico letter and LHM to Bureau dated 7/29/66.  
 New York letter to Bureau dated 8/29/66.  
 WFO letter to Bureau dated 12/5/66.  
 New York letter and LHM to Bureau dated 1/25/67.  
 Legat, Bonn, letters to Bureau dated 2/8/67, 3/8/67.

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INFORMANTS:

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Instant report

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ No Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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NY T-7 [redacted]	100-83801-1394
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The following informants were contacted but could provide no additional information concerning the subject:

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☒ This report is classified "Confidential" because  
(state reason) it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-21, the disclosure of which might reveal their identities and impair future effectiveness which could be injurious to the national defense effort.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and because of his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because  
(state reason) on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that in his opinion, Mother Bloor, in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP. (NY report SA WILLIAM I. MC MURRAY, Jr., 2/19/48) On 4/30/53, former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified SEEGER as
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (NY report SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, Jr., 12/21/56)

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (NY report SA MC MURRAY, 2/19/58)

On 2/12/60, [ ] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [ ] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. "The New York Times", on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee held at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60 (NY report SA LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61).

On 4/30/62, [ ] advised SEEGER attended a concert at 253 West 73rd Street, NY, NY, sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants, which concert was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [ ] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held at 60th Street and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NYC, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be traveling through the southern part of the US, giving a series of concerts.

On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949, and from September, 1955, until September, 1962, made available a letter dated 12/7/62, in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Subject performed at function for "American Dialog", July, 1964, and NCASF rally, November, 1964. Subject contributed funds to NCAHUAC, 1965. Participated in function of NCASF, 1966, and of "National Guardian", 1965. (NY report SA JOHN L. GILL, 6/13/66)

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Subject appeared at function of CSJMS and of "National Guardian", 1966. Subject gave a performance in East Berlin, 1966. (Instant report)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 26, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845  
NYfile 100-83801

Director

United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Peter Seeger

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available

☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)  
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Copy to: 1-Secret Service, New York City (RM)

Report of: LYNN E. MC CREDY Office: New York, New York  
Date:

Field Office File #: 100-83801 Bureau File #: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self employed as banjo player and folk singer. Informants advised subject appeared at affair of CSJMS and "National Guardian" Picnic. Subject's travel abroad set out.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUND

On May 17, 1967, NY T-1 advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self employed as a banjo player and folk singer. NY T-1 added that subjects mailing address is Post Office Box 431, Beacon, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)

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The CSJMS will be referred to in the appendix attached hereto.

On June 27, 1966, NY T-2 advised that a memorial meeting on the 13th anniversary of the ROSENBERG execution was held on June 17, 1966, at the Hotel Sheraton-Atlantic, New York, New York. This meeting was sponsored by the CSJMS. According to NY T-2, the subject attended this meeting and sang several songs of freedom and protests against war. NY T-2 stated that SEEGER commented that his reason for being present was more than just entertainment, that he was there because he wanted to help in getting freedom for MORTON SOBELL, and to remember the courage of the ROSENBERGs.

On June 18, 1966, NY T-3 also advised that SEEGER performed at the above-mentioned memorial meeting sponsored by the CSJMS.

"National Guardian"

"The National Guardian" will be referred to in the appendix attached.

On August 29, 1966, NY T-4 made available a leaflet issued by the "National Guardian", 197 East 4th Street, New York, New York. This leaflet announced that the Ninth Annual "National Guardian" picnic would be held on September 17, 1966, at Arrow Park, New York. The article noted that SEEGER would perform at this picnic.

On September 17, 1966, NY T-5 advised that a picnic, sponsored by the "National Guardian" was held on September 17, 1966, at Arrow Park, Orange Turnpike, Monroe, New York. NY T-5 stated that the subject was at this picnic and entertained those present with a variety of folk songs.

W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA)

The DCA will be referred to in the appendix attached hereto.

On July 7, 1966, NY T-6 advised that the subject's name and address was on a mailing list maintained at the

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headquarters of the DCA, located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois. NY T-6 did not know the significance of this mailing list.

#### Miscellaneous Activities

In May, 1966, NY T-7 advised that on May 5, 1966, the subject had registered for courses in Russian at the Berlitz School of Languages, New York, New York. The course consisted of 100 lessons.

"The New York Times", issue of July 8, 1966, carried an article captioned "L.I. School's Ban on Seeger Concert is Ruled Unconstitutional". The article stated in part that the New York State Court of Appeals ruled in effect that it was unconstitutional for a Long Island school board to have barred SEEGER from giving a concert last March in a high school auditorium. SEEGER was to have given a concert in a high school in East Meadow, Long Island, New York. The school board involved, Union Free District Number 3, in Nassau County, had given its permission for the concert in June, 1965. However, in December, 1965, the board reversed itself and withdrew its permission for the SEEGER performance on the ground that SEEGER had recently given a concert in Moscow and that some of the songs he sings are critical of American policy in Vietnam. The East Meadow Community Concerts Association, who had sponsored the performance, called the school board's action unconstitutional and went to court. The State Supreme Court dismissed the contention of unconstitutionality.

On August 26, 1966, NY T-8 advised that the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee sponsored a meeting to protest the House Un-American Activities hearings. The meeting was held in the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York, New York, on August 25, 1966. According to NY T-8, the subject was called upon to entertain at this meeting.

On August 29, 1966, NY T-9 also advised that the subject performed at a meeting sponsored by the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee which was held on August 25, 1966.

On August 31, 1966, NY T-10 also advised that the subject performed at the above-described meeting held on August 25, 1966.

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On September 8, 1966 NY T-11 advised that the subject was in contact with an individual at the Tass News Agency on this date.

On September 15, 1966, NY T-11 advised that the subject had been in contact with an individual at the Tass News Agency and indicated he would be in New York City on September 20, 1966.

The Tass News Agency is the official Soviet Government news-gathering organization with headquarters in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and branches throughout the world.

On October 12, 1966, NY T-12 advised that a rally was held on October 9, 1966, at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York, New York. NY T-12 stated this rally was a "Salute to the Fort Hood Three" and that the subject entertained at this rally. NY T-12 stated the subject also donated \$100 towards the collections made for the defense of the Fort Hood Three.

On October 10, 1966, NY T-13 and on October 18, 1966, NY T-14 also advised that the subject entertained at the rally held at Town Hall on October 9, 1966.

On December 9, 1966, NY T-13 advised that a rally was held on the evening of December 8, 1966, at Madison Square Garden, Eighth Avenue, New York, New York. NY T-13 stated that this rally was sponsored by the National Committee and the New York Council for Sane Nuclear Policy and that the subject was one of those who entertained.

On December 12, 1966, NY T-15 and on December 13, 1966, NY T-16 also advised that the subject entertained at the above described rally held on December 8, 1966.

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"The New York Times", issue of January 31, 1967, carried an article captioned "Seeger Concert Upheld in Court". The article stated in part that a suit to block SEEGER from giving a concert on February 2, 1967, in a Yorktown Heights, New York, school was dismissed by a New York State Supreme Court Justice. The article continued that eight residents of Yorktown Heights had asked for an injunction barring the concert because of SEEGER's reported associations with Communist causes.

(13) "The New York World Journal Tribune", issue of February 3, 1967, carried an article captioned "Folk Singer Seeger Wins Yorktown Heights Battle". The article stated in part that SEEGER performed on the evening of February 2, 1967, at the Yorktown Heights High School and that the expected protest against his appearance never materialized. The article continued that SEEGER performed without pay and the proceeds would benefit the American Field Service, described as an organization that sponsors high school student exchanges with foreign countries.

On February 23, 1967, NY T-17 advised that a "Teach-In" to protest American policy in Vietnam was held on February 17, 1967, at the California State College, Fullerton, California. According to NY T-17, a special tape recording by SEEGER was scheduled to be played.

"The Evening News", Beacon, New York, issue of March 9, 1967, carried an article captioned "Seeger Concert Picketed". The article stated in part that about 300 pickets marched outside as SEEGER performed for an audience of 1100 in a high school in East Meadow, Long Island, New York, on the evening of March 8, 1967. The article continued that the performance was originally scheduled for March 12, 1966, but was cancelled by the East Meadow School District Board.

On April 24, 1967, NY T-18 advised that a rally was held on March 21, 1967, at St. Marks Methodist Church, 137th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, New York. NY T-18 stated that the rally concerned conditions in South Africa and that SEEGER performed at the rally.

### III. FOREIGN TRAVEL

On April 12, 1966, NY T-19 advised that the subject gave a concert on the evening of April 5, 1966, at San Carlos Academy in Mexico City, Mexico. NY T-19 stated that the concert was attended by approximately 500 persons, including many of the associates of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM). In his program, SEEGER sang several songs, according to NY T-19, "of a progressive nature", including one against the war in Vietnam.

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According to NY T-19, the ACGM is a loose association of a predominantly social nature of present and/or past members of the CP, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for the international Communist movement.

~~BELFRAGE~~

On June 21, 1966, NY T-19 advised that he learned from MARY and CEDRIC BELFRAGE, important associates of ACGM in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, that SEEGER and his family, while visiting in Mexico at the time of his concert, had stayed at the BELFRAGE's home in Cuernavaca.

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The Evening News, a daily newspaper published in Beacon, New York, issue of January 13, 1967, carried an article entitled "Seeger Defends Concert Given in East Berlin". The article stated that the subject had sent a letter to the editor of "The Evening News" from Paris, France, on January 7, 1967. In this letter, according to the article, SEEGER stated that he had recently appeared and performed on a television show in East Berlin, Germany, and at the end of this show had been presented with a peace medal.

SEEGER, in this letter, indicated that he had given concerts in London, Paris, and West Berlin, in addition to the one mentioned above.

In January, 1967, NY T-20, a confidential source abroad, made available a clipping from the December 28, 1966, issue of the newspaper, "Jungle Welt", published in East Berlin. The item, under a Berlin dateline, states that SEEGER, described as a folk singer and one of the founders of the progressive folk song movement in the United States, was to make a guest appearance in the Berlin Peoples Theatre, East Berlin, on January 4, 1967. He was described as an artist of the "other America", who sings about striking workers and demonstrating civil rights workers in colleges and universities, and who recently wrote a song against the senseless death of his countrymen in Vietnam.

The Foreign Affairs Bulletin, Volume 7, Number 3, dated January 25, 1967, carried an article captioned "Peace Medal for P. Seeger". This article stated that SEEGER was

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was awarded the peace medal of the Peace Council in the German Democratic Republic. "You receive this distinction as a singer and fighter for peace, justice and social progress, against suppression and racial discrimination, who is held in esteem all over the world", said the actor HANS PETER MINETTI, Presidium member of the German Democratic Republic Peace Council and member of the World Council of Peace, on presenting the medal to SEEGER.

The article continued that SEEGER sang to packed audiences in the German Democratic Republic, and a special performance was telecast.

*U.S.A.*  
In January, 1967, NY T-21, a confidential source abroad, made available information disclosing that the subject had recently contacted VICTOR GROSSMAN, 102 Berlin, Karl Marx Alee 49, German Democratic Republic, and enclosed replies to questions concerning his recent visit to East Berlin. These questions with his responses were purported to be an interview with him and would appear in a publication of East Germany.

*GERMANY*  
Regarding VICTOR GROSSMAN, who is also known as STEPHEN WECHSLER, entered the United States Army in 1951, and defected to East Germany in 1952. He is employed by the East Germans as a propagandist.

In March, 1967, NY T-21, a confidential source abroad, advised that SEEGER had communicated with GROSSMAN in East Berlin, and thanked him for the translations of two reviews that apparently GROSSMAN had done. The subject also commented that he had anticipated some of the attacks which would be made on him for singing in East Berlin and that he had come through better than he had expected.

On November 30, 1966, the subject's passport file was reviewed at the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., by SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr. A review of subject's passport, Number D 453486, issued to subject on June 17, 1963, reflects the following travel by SEEGER:

Australian visa issued at New York City, July 23, 1963  
Arrived Fiji Islands, August 30, 1963  
Arrived Sydney, August 31, 1963  
Departed Canberra, September 12, 1963



Indonesian visa issued at Sydney, September 18, 1963  
Arrived Kemajoran, September 24, 1963  
Departed Kemajoran, October 5, 1963  
Arrived Hong Kong, October 5, 1963  
Japanese visa issued at Hong Kong, October 7, 1963  
Arrived Haneda, October 8, 1963  
Departed Haneda, November 26, 1963  
Indian visa issued at Tokyo, November 1, 1963  
Arrived Calcutta, November 26, 1963  
at New Delhi, December 5, 1963  
Departed Bombay, December 10, 1963  
British visa for Kenya issued at New York City,  
August 2, 1963  
In Kenya, December 10, 1963  
Departed Nairobi, December 24, 1963  
Arrived Nigeria, December 25, 1963  
In Nigeria, December 28, 1963  
Departed Nigeria, January 3, 1964  
Visa for Ghana issued at Lagos, December 30, 1963  
Arrived Ghana, January 3, 1964  
Departed Accra, January 11, 1964  
United Arab Republic visa issued at New York City,  
August 7, 1963 (no indication whether used)  
In an Arab country January 20, 1964 (departure stamp  
illegible)  
Arrived Dover, England, February 17, 1964  
Departed Harwich, March 2, 1964  
Arrived The Netherlands, March 3, 1964  
Arrived Denmark, March 11, 1964  
Departed Denmark, March 16, 1964  
Czechoslovak visa issued at London, February 25, 1964  
Arrived Prague, March 18, 1964  
Departed Prague, March 30, 1964  
Polish visa issued at London, February 26, 1964  
Arrived Poland, March 30, 1964  
In Warsaw, March 31, 1964  
Departed Poland, April 8, 1964  
Soviet visa issued February 20, 1964 (possibly issued  
in London)  
Arrived Moscow, April 8, 1964  
Departed Moscow, May 7, 1964  
Arrived London, May 7, 1964  
Departed London, June 2, 1964

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Arrived New York City, June 2, 1964  
(Passport contains South African visa issued at  
New York City August 7, 1963, and visa for New  
Zealand issued at New York City, August 9, 1963,  
no indication whether used)  
In Paris, September 25, 1965  
Departed Paris, September 28, 1965  
Arrived London, September 28, 1965  
Departed London, October 4, 1965  
In Paris, October 25, 1965  
Departed Paris, October 29, 1965  
Arrived London, October 29, 1965  
Departed Prestwick, November 7, 1965  
Arrived New York City, November 7, 1965

Arrived New York City April 12, 1966. No 1966 travel  
control stamps were noted in the passport but a  
staple was affixed to the top of the page containing  
the Soviet visa previously issued to him, as indi-  
cated above.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants, familiar with certain phases of  
CP activity in the New York City and area, were contacted in  
May, 1967, and shown a photograph of the subject but none could  
provide any additional information concerning the subject.

APPENDIX

1.

COMMITTEE TO FREE MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", first appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In August, 1966, the name "Committee To Free Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, published by the New York Telephone Company on August 18, 1966, lists the above Committee's address as 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

APPENDIX

1.

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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APPENDIX

1.

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965, identities of those serving on the NEC has varied; however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of July, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-200845

NYfile 100-83801

Title Peter Seeger

Character Security Matter-C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Lynn E. Mc Credy, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

NY T-20 and NY T-21 are confidential sources abroad.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>PETER SEEGER</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>LYNN E. MC CREDY</b>	TYPED BY <b>slg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM-C</b>	

REFERENCES:

New York report of SA JOHN LEE GILL dated 6/13/66.  
 Legat, Mexico letter and LHM to Bureau dated 7/29/66.  
 New York letter to Bureau dated 8/29/66.  
 WFO letter to Bureau dated 12/5/66.  
 New York letter and LHM to Bureau dated 1/25/67.  
 Legat, Bonn, letters to Bureau dated 2/8/67, 3/8/67.

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INFORMANTS:

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Identity of SourceFile Number Where Located

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Instant report

NY T-2

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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The following informants were contacted but could provide no additional information concerning the subject:

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☒ This report is classified "Confidential" because  
(state reason) it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-21, the disclosure of which might reveal their identities and impair future effectiveness which could be injurious to the national defense effort.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he occupies a prominent position in the entertainment field and because of his activities on behalf of Communist fronts. Attempts to interview the subject could possibly embarrass the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because  
(state reason) on 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that in his opinion, Mother Bloor, in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP. (NY report SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, Jr., 2/19/48) On 4/30/53, former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified SEEGER as
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) \_\_\_\_\_.

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a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (NY report SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, Jr., 12/21/56)

The subject appeared before the HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HCUA. (NY report SA MC MURRAY, 2/19/58)

On 2/12/60, [ ] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [ ] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. "The New York Times", on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee held at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60 (NY report SA LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61).

On 4/30/62, [ ] advised SEEGER attended a concert at 253 West 73rd Street, NY, NY, sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants, which concert was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [ ] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held at 60th Street and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NYC, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be traveling through the southern part of the US, giving a series of concerts.

On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949, and from September, 1955, until September, 1962, made available a letter dated 12/7/62, in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Subject performed at function for "American Dialog", July, 1964, and NCASF rally, November, 1964. Subject contributed funds to NCAHUAC, 1965. Participated in function of NCASF, 1966, and of "National Guardian", 1965. (NY report SA JOHN L. GILL, 6/13/66)

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Subject appeared at function of CSJMS and of "National Guardian", 1966. Subject gave a performance in East Berlin, 1966. (Instant report)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/26/67

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonn letter 4/11/67.

Dated	Recd.	Addressee	Addressor
5/3/67	5/15/67	VICTOR GROSSMAN 102 Berlin Karl-Marx-Allee 49 GDR	PETE SEEGER Box 431 Beacon, N.Y. 12508

Subject mentions that his sister, PEGGY, can now be reached at 35 Stanley Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, England. His contacts with addressee (Bufile 100-359527) are known to Bureau but enclosed may be of interest regarding subject's activities. He says recent parade 5 - Bureau (Enc. 1) in New York was "absolutely marvelous" and comments (1 - Liaison Section) on present Negro attitude to the song "We Shall

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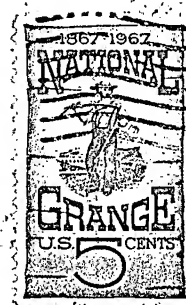
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

May 3, 1967

Dear Victor,

Many, many thanks for your letter. I hope you are all well and out of the hospital now.

My sister, Peggy, can be reached at 35 Stanley Avenue, Beckenham, Kent, England.

I know how busy you are so I can't ask too much, but I would be interested in hearing the various arguments which are going on today in the DDR, both pro and con American jazz, American folksong, and specifically the song "We Shall Overcome". You probably know that many militant Negroes now do not like to sing the song because they feel it is too passive and they don't like forever saying that word "someday". That word has been said for 2000 years to persuade working people not to better their conditions now. And it is very interesting that when the song is sung, they always make a point of putting in the verses "Black and white together NOW", and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "We are not afraid today". Furthermore after singing the song, quite often they will have a shouted cheer. One person will say "What do we want?" and the crowd shouts back "Freedom", then "When do we want it?" Answer: "Now!". "Who do we want it for?" Answer: "All of us!". And these three questions will be asked over and over until the crowd answers them back at ~~an~~ top volume.

The parade in New York was absolutely marvelous. It would have been even better had there been some one place where everybody could congregate but unfortunately there is no ~~big~~ big open square in NYC and only a fraction of the crowd heard the speeches or the songs. Incidentally, the very best singing was sung by three Sioux Indians, singing their own national anthem."

All for now,

Best wishes to you and the family,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
May 29, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 100-200845  
NYfile 100-83801

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup> PETER SEEGER

REFERENCE: NY REPORT 6/13/66

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Delete: P.O. Box 328

Add: P.O. Box 431

Employment:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-200845)

DATE: 5/29/67

FROM : SAC, New York (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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April 7, 1967

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Mrs. John E. Sullivan  
Rural Delivery Box 377  
Lower Maple Street  
Hudson Falls, New York 12839

Wm. V. Sullivan

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

Your letter dated April 3rd has been received. I appreciate the concern you feel regarding communism, and I want to thank you for making your views known. The FBI is unable, however, to help you in connection with the incident you described.

Enclosed are publications which I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

Deadly Duel

LEB Intro 4/67

Director's Statement Re 18th National Convention, CP, USA

NOTE: One prior letter dated 6-6-60 was received from Mrs. Sullivan in which she brought information to our attention which she believed was of security interest. She also questioned a certain publication. Bureau letter 6-14-60 informed her we do not make evaluations concerning publications. (105-10091-134) Pete Seeger is a Security Index subject of the New York Office. (100-200845)

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Lower Maple Street  
Hudson Falls, N. Y.  
April 3, 1967

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Bureau of the F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear sir:

I am so perturbed at the trend of events today  
that I am writing to you in sheer desperation.

Pete Seeger, the folk singer, was asked to perform locally for a charity organization recently in a neighboring town. A few of us protested by phone and telegram, etc. because of Mr. Seeger's communist background. According to several annual reports of the H. C. U. A. , Seeger has been cited as a communist, cited for contempt of Congress and has belonged to many communist fronts. Other activities have included the writing of anti-American songs and the establishment of a record company whose records have been used to demoralize school children. Now American Legion members went to the local library and said they found no information about Mr. Seeger which indicates he is a communist. The local newspaper printed a tremendous article on his appearance here at the concert and went so far as to say and I quote, "Two hours later he left the same stage a hero to the more than 800 fans who displayed their approval with a standing ovation for the entertainer." I had written a letter of protest to the paper which they chose not to print, which of course is their prerogative. However, to make Mr. Seeger out to be a hero, while at the very moment two of our real heroes, two American boys, were lying dead, the victims of the so-called cold war in Viet Nam, was more than I could stomach.

V. Sullivan  
Lower Maple St.  
Hudson Falls, N. Y.  
R.D. Box 337  
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These two boys were from our area and I did not read one word in the same paper which spoke so highly of Pete Seeger, about their heroism.

I shall ask you the same questions which I asked in my letter to the paper - "What has happened to our respect for decency? What has happened to our righteous indignation? Why are the real heroes either ignored or maligned? Why are communists exonerated of all their faults?

Mr. Hoover, I am sick, sick, sick of decent human beings who stand up for America being pushed into the mud, while the forces of evil and all their immorality and degeneration are made to look like the "good guys." What is happening to our wonderful country? I shudder to think. We who speak out against evil are called all sorts of unkind names and at times I feel utterly helpless.

Most sincerely,

/s/

(Mrs) John E. Sullivan

ADDRESS PER ENVELOPE:

V. Sullivan  
Lower Maple St.  
Hudson Falls, N. Y.  
R D. Box 377

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Lower maple Street  
Hudson Falls, N.Y.  
April 3, 1967

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Most sincerely,  
(Miss) John E. Sullivan



March 23, 1967

REC-62

EX 106

Mr. Gordon S. Williams  
24 Irving Avenue  
Granville, New York 12832

Dear Mr. Williams:

Your letter dated March 19th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in FBI files is confidential, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Please do not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have data concerning the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MAR 23 1967

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Pete Seeger is on the Security Index. He is subject of Bufile 100-200845.

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24 Irving Avenue  
Granville, New York  
March 19, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A service organization in our small town in Upper New York State is sponsoring a concert by a Mr. Pete Seeger, Folk Singer. Mr. Seeger is apparently a negro in his late forties.. I have no other identification.

It has been rumored that this man is a communist, has been associated with communist front organizations, and attacks the youth of the country through "protest songs".

Would you please forward to the writer any information you may have regarding Mr. Seeger. It will be a matter of great interest to all civic minded citizens of this and neighboring communities. Your prompt attention will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Gordon S. Williams*

Gordon S. Williams.

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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 )

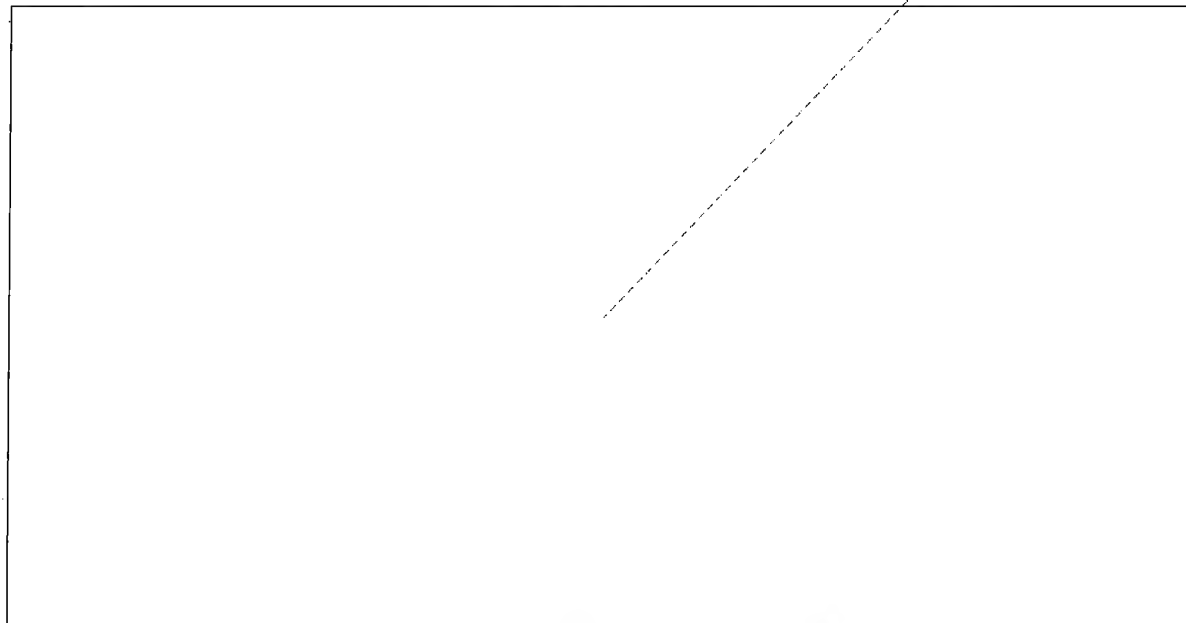
DATE: 3/8/67

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111 ) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonnlet to Bureau 2-8-67.



Dated	Recd.	Addressee	Addressor
2-14-67	2-27-67	Victor Grossman	(Peter Seeger)

Deutsch Akademie der  
Kunste zu Berlin  
104 Berlin, Robert  
Koch Platz 7  
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Box 431 100-200845-183  
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Bonn 100-1111

This is a thank you note to addressee in which subject refers to "battles since coming home," but he says he anticipated some of the attacks which would be made on him for singing in East Berlin and has come through better than he had expected.

The reference to Paul Robeson apparently concerns a current project of addressee's with reference to Robeson material which he is gathering.

Subject is not sure he can be in East Germany again in April 1968 since "the main job to be done is right here in the lair of the monster."

The P.S. appears to be from subject's wife.

~~TOSH X SEEGER~~  
~~MRS. PETER X SEEGER~~  
Box 431, Beacon, N.Y.

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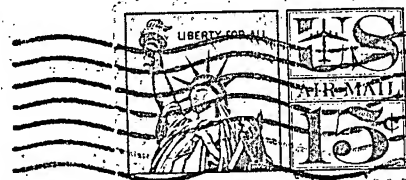
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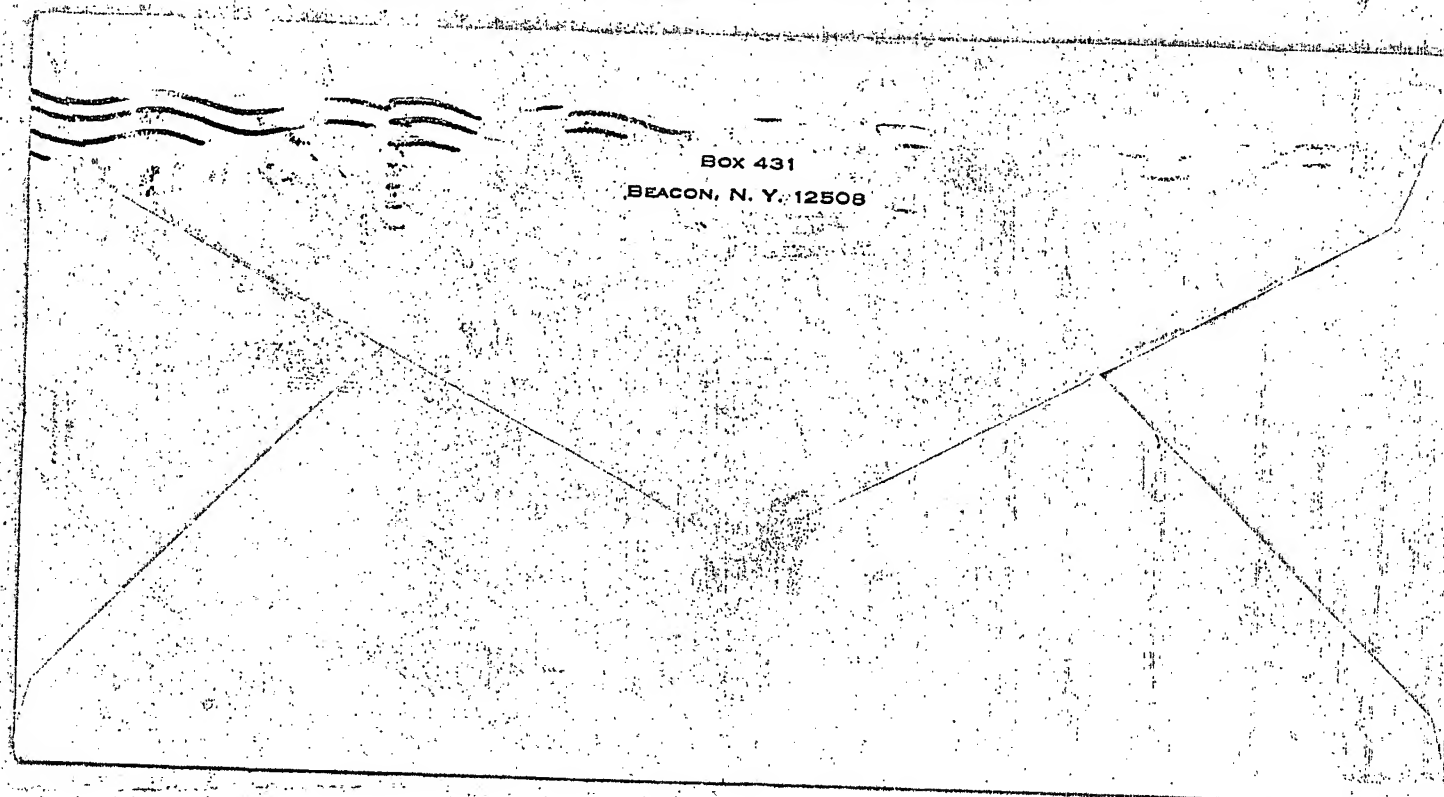
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TOSHI AND PETER SEEGER

Box 431

BEACON, N. Y. 12508

February 14, 1967

Dear Victor,

Just a note of thanks for your letter and a special thanks for taking the trouble to translate those two reviews. We have all ready been in one or two battles since coming home, however, by tackling in a forthright way and anticipating some of the attacks that would be made on me for singing in East Berlin, we have actually come through better than we expected.

As to the song book, by all means don't restrict it just to the songs which I sang. You ought to get some of Tom Paxton's songs, Malvina Reynolds etc.

Under separate cover I am going to send you a tape recording about Paul Robeson. You had better not count on me for April 9th '68. Even though it is a 'long way off we are just not sure what is going to happen and we feel increasingly that we had better not tie ourselves down to promises to tour in other countries, since, after all, the main job to be done is right here in the lair of the monster.

The only material about Paul Robeson we know about which you may not, is the little movie made of him by Victor Gorchov. I will also enclose as many addresses as we can get from your list.



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Things are getting busy here and it promises to  
be an exciting year.

Best,

*Pete*  
Pete

A ps from Toshi:

I have all packed and ready to mail four packages..

one each of records and books for you and for Perry.

Probably take a few months but be on the look out.

I will off and on send things that you can pass on

or share. Haven't done the photo's yet but if there

are any you want me to send etc. do send the names

and addresses. There's a nice full faced one of you

to delight a mothers heart ( or wife... I'll send it

among. someday). Also thanks for turning over Peter's

monies that we were not allowed to bring out of the

country. Seems silly to earn.... but Harold Leventhal

(our agent) has to set a precedent for other performers

who do need it and have time to use it! Use it as

you wish .. things do get complicated with red tape

don't they? We should have been able to get movie

equipment etc. on our own <sup>with it</sup> but it was not possible

this time...

Our very best to the family,

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 3/2/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-26365) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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(OO:NY)

During the course of another investigation Mr. FRANCIS J. MC NAMARA, Staff Director, HCUA, on 2/2/67 made available to SA JAMES E. GREEN, JR., information which HCUA furnishes to any Congressman concerning public information available in HCUA files concerning SEEGER.

Two copies each of this memorandum are enclosed for the Bureau and New York.

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TO : Director, FBI ( 100-200845 )

DATE: February 8, 1967

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn ( 100-1111 ) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

Reference Bonnlet to Bureau 1-16-67.

Dated

Recd.

Addressee

Addressor

1-9-67

1-17-67

Victor Grossman

102 Berlin

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GERMANY

Pete Seeger

Box 431

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The writer of this letter, one WALTRAUD MATZKE from Verlag Zeit im Bild in East Berlin, welcomes subject as a representative of the "peace-loving American people in our Republic" and to congratulate him on receipt of the Peace Medal. The additional purpose of the letter is to request subject to answer some questions which were apparently purported to be a first person interview with subject and will appear in "GDR Review."

Subject has replied to the questions in the spaces provided in the letter from MATZKE. He has enclosed this with a short note to VICTOR GROSSMAN asking GROSSMAN to get the material to the right people. Subject's letter is enclosed in an envelope of the Cumberland Hotel in London and is postmarked in Paris on January 9.

VICTOR GROSSMAN is an aka of STEPHEN WECHSLER, a former SI subject of the Buffalo Office. WECHSLER entered the United States Army in 1951 and defected to East Germany in 1952. He is employed by the East Germans as a propagandist.

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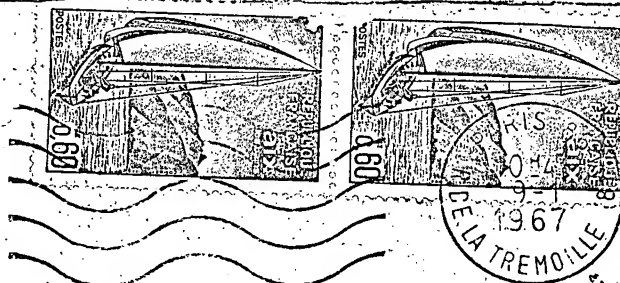
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Dear Vic -  
would you forward  
these to the right people?  
Thanks!  
all for now  
more later  
Pete

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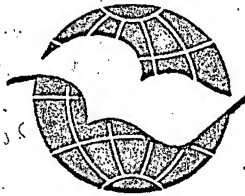
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c/o Hotel "Unter den Linden"  
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4.1.1967

Dear Mr. Seeger,

Allow me please to welcome you as a representative of the peace-loving American people in our Republic and to offer you my congratulations on receiving the Peace Medal.

By the way, may I ask you a favour? In GDR Review, a magazine which is distributed in the USA and Great Britain, too, we would like to publish a small report on your visit here in our capital. Would you be kind enough to answer some questions?

As I'm quite sure that it would not be possible to meet you during your stay here in Berlin I would be very grateful if you would give these answers to Mr. Victor Grossman.

With many thanks in advance,

Yours sincerely,

*Waltraud Matzke*  
Waltraud Matzke *Germany*

PS: Enclosed you will find a copy of GDR Review (on page 36 a small report on the Bach Festival held last year). Mr. Grossman told me that you are very interested in this subject.

And now our questions:

How did your audience respond?

Did you have the chance to meet young people here and what were your impressions?

*You know?  
it did!*  
*I was ~~here~~ in East Berlin too  
short a time. Next time I hope to  
stay longer. The young people I met were  
full of life, and aware of the whole  
world - they have been making up songs,  
too, as have young people elsewhere. Good songs!*

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INTERVIEW for "SIGNAL", the magazine of the  
Free German Youth (FDJ) of West Berlin

Pete Seeger, you are known all over the world as a singer of folk songs and "protest" songs. You are also known as a leading singer of other political and trade union songs. The readers of "Signal" would be grateful if you would answer the following questions:

1. This was your first visit to West Berlin - you have just had a concert there at the Schaubühne am Halleschen Ufer. How was the audience? Did you get the impression that the young people of West Berlin are also enthusiastic about protest (topical) songs?

*The West Berlin audience was arranged much more hastily, the hall was small (600) but it was full, and the audience <sup>was enthusiastic</sup>, mostly members of the socialist youth group, sang well — on many of the same songs that East Berliners joined in on. I purposely sang much the same program. Of course, Wednesday night's audience at the Volksbühne was quite phenomenal.*

2. Both words and music of many folk songs are on quite a high level; yet many millions of young people love them and sing them. Why?

*Great art doesn't have to be abstruse. Of course, even simple folk songs <sup>can</sup> have many layers of meaning, and some of them one does not discover right away. <sup>Why not?</sup>*

3. On the basis of your first very short experience, do you think the young people in the USA are more enthusiastic about folk songs than the young people of West Berlin?

*I can't ~~answer~~ answer this question after such a brief visit.*

4. You have often sung the songs of the Lincoln Brigade in Spain. They are still being sung today; do you think they will always remain popular?

*A good song that tells a true story will probably be loved for many centuries — because it's art still relates to people's lives*

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5. Is there any chance that folk-music will ~~xxxxxx~~ live longer than rock-n-roll?

Probably real folk music will.  
Probably imitation folk music will not.  
(I think)

6. Can young people do more than they are now against the war in Vietnam?

Of course, we can always do more. The problem is to find out how -

7. What are your hopes and wishes for 1967? *Peace*

8. Do you like to sing "Vietnam songs"?

*I look forward to the day when there will be other subjects to sing about*

Thank you, Pete Seeger.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (C)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

DATE: JAN 25 1967

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BY: *BUH Day*

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Enclosed herewith are the original and six copies of an LHM pertaining to subject's recent travel abroad.

The pretext of 9/30/65, referred to in enclosed LHM, was conducted by SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY to the Harold Leventhal Agency, attempting to book the subject.

The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" because it contains information furnished by five sources which, if this were revealed, might tend to reveal their identities and impair future effectiveness which would be injurious to the national defense effort.

The article in "The Evening News", issue of 1/13/67, indicated subject was planning to give a concert on 2/2/67, in Yorktown, NY.

The following sources were utilized in attached memorandum.

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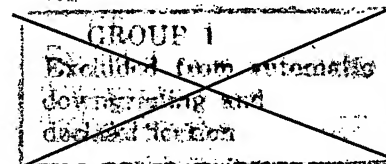
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Seeger, in this letter, indicated that he had given concerts in London, Paris, and West Berlin, in addition to the one mentioned above.

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